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Security Council

3 p.m. . . . . 4850th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation concerning Western Sahara

   Report of the Secretary-General on the situation concerning Western Sahara (S/2003/1016)

Afternoon[1] . . . . . 4851st meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation between Iraq and Kuwait

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 4850th meeting.

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item "Women and peace and security". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; or tel. 1 (212) 963-5254, as from Friday, 24 October 2003, from 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10 a.m. . . . . 45th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

3 p.m. . . . . 46th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [55]; United Nations reform: measures and proposals [57]; Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields [58]; Strengthening of the United Nations system: reports of the Secretary-General (A/57/786, A/58/175, A/58/351, A/58/382, A/58/395 and A/58/395/Corr.1) [59]: *joint debate*

Main Committees

First Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 17th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under all disarmament and international security agenda items 62 to 80:

Documents of the First Committee: *item 62* (A/58/202, A/C.1/58/L.32); *item 63* (A/58/128, A/C.1/58/L.48); *item 64* (A/58/29, A/C.1/58/L.24); *item 65* (A/C.1/58/L.11, A/C.1/58/L.58); *item 67* (A/C.1/58/L.30); *item 68* (A/C.1/58/L.3); *item 69* (A/58/373, A/C.1/58/L.33); *item 73* (A/58/117 and A/58/117/Add.1, A/58/117/Add.2, A/58/129, A/58/129/Add.1, A/58/130, A/58/138, A/58/162, A/58/162/Add.1, A/58/176 and A/58/176/Add.1, A/58/207, A/58/208, A/58/208/Add.1, A/58/406, A/58/848, A/C.1/58/4, A/C.1/58/L.1, A/C.1/58/L.1/Rev.1, A/C.1/58/L.9, A/C.1/58/L.10, A/C.1/58/L.15, A/C.1/58/L.16, A/C.1/58/L.17, A/C.1/58/L.18, A/C.1/58/L.19, A/C.1/58/L.25, A/C.1/58/L.25/Rev.1, A/C.1/58/L.26, A/C.1/58/L.27, A/C.1/58/L.29, A/C.1/58/L.31, A/C.1/58/L.35, A/C.1/58/L.39, A/C.1/58/L.40, A/C.1/58/L.43, A/C.1/58/L.45, A/C.1/58/L.46, A/C.1/58/L.47, A/C.1/58/L.51, A/C.1/58/L.53); *item 74* (A/58/122, A/58/139, A/58/177, A/58/190, A/58/203, A/58/274, A/C.1/58/L.7, A/C.1/58/L.13, A/C.1/58/L.21, A/C.1/58/L.28, A/C.1/58/L.54, A/C.1/58/L.55, A/C.1/58/L.57); *item 75* (A/58/27, A/58/42, A/58/259; A/58/316, A/C.1/58/L.5, A/C.1/58/L.20); *item 76* (A/58/259, A/58/137, A/58/137 (Part I), A/58/137 (Part I)/Add.1, A/58/137 (Part II), A/C.1/58/L.23); *item 77* (A/58/163, A/C.1/58/L.50); and *item 78* (A/58/132, A/58/132/Add.1, A/58/132/Add.2, A/C.1/58/L.42) (other documents: A/C.1/58/1, A/C.1/58/2, A/C.1/58/3, A/C.1/58/3/Add.1, A/C.1/58/INF.1, A/C.1/58/INF.2, A/C.1/58/INF.2*)

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

3–6 p.m. . . . . 15th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Questions relating to information (A/58/21, A/58/175, A/58/16, chap. III, sect. B, programme 23, and A/58/90, annex) . . . . . [86]

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 26th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

1. Advancement of women . . . . . [110]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/58/L.19 and A/C.3/58/L.22

2. Promotion and protection of the rights of children . . . . . [113]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/58/L.23, A/C.3/58/L.24 and A/C.3/58/L.25

3. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination . . . . . [115]

(a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination (A/58/3, A/58/18, A/58/80-E/2003/71 and A/58/313)

(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (A/58/324 and A/58/331)

Rights of peoples to self-determination (A/58/115 and A/58/180) . . . . . [116]

Continuation of general discussion

Fifth Committee

9.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m. 10th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

1. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations (A/58/531) . . . . . [123]

General discussion

10.30 a.m. 2. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 . . . . . [121]

Programme planning . . . . . [122]

Introduction of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 by the Secretary-General

(A/58/6, A/58/6/Corr.1 and A/58/6 (Introduction), A/58/6 (Sect. 1), A /58/6 (Sect. 2), A/58/6 (Sect. 3), A/58/6 (Sect. 3)/Corr.1, A/58/6 (Sect. 3)/Corr.2, A/58/6 (Sect. 4), A/58/6 (Sect. 5), A/58/6 (Sect. 6), A/58/6 (Sect. 7), A/58/6 (Sect. 8), A/58/6 (Sect. 9), A/58/6 (Sect. 10), A/58/6 (Sect. 11), A/58/6 (Sect. 12), A/58/6 (Sect. 13), A/58/6 (Sect. 13)/Add.1, A/58/6 (Sect. 14)/Rev.1, A/58/6 (Sect. 15), A/58/6 (Sect. 16), A/58/6 (Sect. 17), A/58/6 (Sect. 18), A/58/6 (Sect. 19), A/58/6 (Sect. 20), A/58/6 (Sect. 21), A/58/6 (Sect. 22), A/58/6 (Sect. 23), A/58/6 (Sect. 24), A/58/6 (Sect. 25), A/58/6 (Sect. 26), A/58/6 (Sect. 27), A/58/6 (Sect. 28), A/58/6 (Sect. 29), A/58/6 (Sect. 30), A/58/6 (Sect. 31), A/58/6 (Sect. 32), A/58/6 (Sect. 33), A/58/6 (Sect. 34), A/58/6 (Sect. 35), A/58/6 (Income Sect. 1), A/58/6 (Income Sect. 2) and A/58/6 (Income Sect. 3))

Introduction of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/58/7 and A/58/7/Corr.1)

Introduction of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/58/16)

2.30–4.45 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 130 (Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services: annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/58/364); Audit of the Headquarters Committee on Contracts (A/58/294); and Review of the structure and operations of the United Nations information centers (A/57/747)); and 134 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: use of United Nations volunteers (A/55/697, A/55/874 and A/56/7))

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development [agenda item 104 (b)]
(29–30 October 2003)

Inscriptions for Member States wishing to participate in the ministerial-level round tables

All delegations wishing to inscribe in *additional* ministerial-level round tables, to be held on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, are invited to do so on the basis of availability and first-come-first-served. Currently, there is still availability in round tables 2, 4, 6 and 8.

All delegations wishing to do so are kindly requested to come in person to the List of Speakers area of the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-2940) to inscribe the name of the participating Minister or the Head of delegation on the list of participants in round tables on the following themes:

Round tables 1 and 2 (morning): *"Regional dimensions of the implementation of the results of the International Conference on Financing for Development"*

Round tables 3 and 4 (morning): *"Coherence and consistency of the international monetary, financial and trading systems in support of development"*

Round tables 5 and 6 (afternoon): *"The link between the progress in the implementation of the agreements and commitments reached at the International Conference on Financing for Development and the achievement of internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration"*

Round tables 7 and 8 (afternoon): *"The link between the progress in the implementation of the agreements and commitments reached at the International Conference on Financing for Development and the promotion of sustainable development, sustained economic growth and the eradication of poverty with a view to achieving an equitable global economic system"*.

Background information is available on the FFD Web site www.un.org/esa/ffd.

Sixth Committee

10–11.30 a.m. . . . . 15th meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-fifth session (A/58/10) . . . . . [152]

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on agenda item 152 (Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-fifth session) (Responsibility of international organizations)

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. Executive session: United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (UNJSPF)
2. Executive session: United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
3. Draft reports

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Informal consultations on agenda item 40 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance) (chaired by H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit (Luxembourg))

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Informal consultations on agenda item 52 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 28 October 2003

JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)*

9–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Mason Group *(on First Committee matters)*

9–10.15 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

OIC Group *(at the ambassadorial level)*

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

OIC Group *(Sixth Committee experts)*

1.45–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Arab Group *(at the ambassadorial level)*

10.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Southern Africa Development Community *(at the ambassadorial level)*

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)*

1–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Group of 77 *(Third Committee: follow-up to Beijing and Beijing+5; follow-up to Madrid; and INSTRAW)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Group of 77 *(on agenda items 93 (a), (c), 97 and 99 (a))*

2–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

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African Group *(on Third Committee matters)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on violence against women (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States *(at the ambassadorial level)*

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (agenda item 112) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Denmark)

3–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Meeting of interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)" (A/C.2/58/L.4) (agenda item 98) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Briefing by the Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

The Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), Ms. Mervat Tallawy, will hold a briefing for the Arab Group (at the ambassadorial level), on the implementation of financing for development and of sustainable development in the region, *today*, 28 October 2003, from 10.30 to 11.30 a.m. Conference Room 9.

Briefing by the Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

The Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), Mr. Kim Hak-Su, will hold a briefing on the implementation of financing for development and of sustainable development in the region, *today*, 28 October 2003, from 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal hearings of civil society and the business sector on financing for development

In preparation for the High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development (29-30 October 2003), there will be informal hearings of civil society and the business sector, chaired by H.E. Mr. Julian R. Hunte (Saint Lucia), President of the fifty-eight session of the General Assembly. The hearings of civil society will take place *today*, 28 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The hearings of the business sector will be held *today*, 28 October 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. Background information and provisional programmes of both hearings are available on the Financing for Development Web site www.un.org/esa/ffd. For further information, please contact Mr. Daniel Platz (tel. 1 (212) 963-3664); or Mr. Krishnan Sharma (tel. 1 (212) 963-4451).

Fourth Meeting of the Open Forum for Partnership

The Fourth Meeting of the Open Forum for Partnership, organized by the United Nations Office of the High Representative of the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing Countries, will be held *today*, 28 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 6. Mr. Rubens Ricupero, Secretary-General, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), will make a presentation on the theme "UNCTAD XI: The Way Forward After Cancún for the Least Developed Countries". Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information please contact Mr. Eder García (tel. 1 (212) 963-5051; or e-mail ohrlls-unhq@un.org).

Meeting of Legal Advisers

There will be a meeting of Legal Advisers *today*, 28 October 2003, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

United Nations Administrative Tribunal

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will hold closed meetings *today*, 28 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in room DC2-0461.

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Tuesday, 28 October 2003

Room S-226

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesman

Wednesday, 29 October 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10 a.m. . . . . 47th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

High-level dialogue for the implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development . . . . . [104 (b)]

(a) Reports by the Secretary-General (A/58/216 and A/58/323)

(b) Note by the Secretary-General (A/58/436)

(c) Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/58/3, Parts I-II)

(d) Note by the Secretariat (A/58/77, A/58/77/Add.1 and A/58/77/Add.2)

(e) Conference Room Paper (A/58/CRP.2)

Morning[1] **Round tables**

Round tables 1 and 2: ***"Regional dimensions of the implementation of the results of the International Conference on Financing for Development"***

Round table 1. . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Round table 2. . . . . Conference Room 5

Round tables 3 and 4: ***"Coherence and consistency of the international monetary, financial and trading systems in support of development"***

Round table 3. . . . . Conference Room 6

Round table 4. . . . . Conference Room 7

3 p.m. **Round tables**

Round tables 5 and 6: ***"The link between the progress in the implementation of the agreements and commitments reached at the International Conference on Financing for Development and the achievement of internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration"***

Round table 5. . . . . Conference Room 5

Round table 6. . . . . Conference Room 6

Round tables 7 and 8: ***"The link between the progress in the implementation of the agreements and commitments reached at the International Conference on Financing for Development and the promotion of sustainable development, sustained economic growth and the eradication of poverty with a view to achieving an equitable global economic system".***

Round table 7. . . . . Conference Room 7

Round table 8. . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

[1] Immediately following the adjournment of the 47th plenary meeting.

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 11th meeting on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

Third Committee

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee, as follows:

Under agenda item 117:

Monday, 10 November 2003, at 3 p.m.: Ms. Hina Jilani (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Human Rights Defenders); Mr. Peter Leuprecht (Special Representative of the Secretary-General for human rights in Cambodia); and Ms. Gabriela Rodríguez Pizarro (Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants);

Tuesday, 11 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Abdelfattah Amor (Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief); Mr. Theo van Boven (Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment); and Mr. Francis Deng

(Special Representative of the Secretary-General on internally displaced persons); *at 3 p.m.*: Mr. Jean Ziegler (Special Rapporteur on the right to food); Mr. Paul Hunt (Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health); and Ms. Yakin Ertürk (Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences); and

Wednesday, 12 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Paulo Sérgio Pinheiro (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar); Ms. Marie-Thérèse Aïssata Kéita-Bocoum (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi); and Ms. Iulia Motoc (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo); *at 3 p.m.*: Mr. Andreas Mavrommatis (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iraq); and Mr. John Dugard (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for dialogue, questions and comments. All interested members of the Committee are invited to participate.

United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities

The 2003 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will be held on Tuesday, 4 November 2003, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. It would be appreciated if delegations could submit the names of their representatives to the pledging conference, in writing, to Ms. Lorna Fidler (tel. 1 (212) 963-2319; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). The list of speakers will be open as of Friday, 24 October 2003. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact Ms. Lorna Fidler.

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Informal consultations on agenda item 52 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 52 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) will be held as follows: Wednesday, 29 October, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B; Thursday, 30 October, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3; and Friday, 31 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Economic and Social Council

Resumed substantive session 2003

Informal consultations

The President of the Economic and Social Council, Mr. Gert Rosenthal (Guatemala), will hold informal consultations on Friday, 31 October 2003, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council, on all issues before the 51st meeting of the resumed substantive session of the Council.

Resumed substantive session 2003

The Economic and Social Council will hold its 51st meeting on Friday, 31 October 2003, in the afternoon[1], in the Economic and Social Council, on the following outstanding matters before the resumed substantive session 2003:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (E/2003/104 and E/2003/105[2]) [1]

Elections (postponed elections)[3]:

Commission on Science and Technology for Development

Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (E/2003/L.3/Add.13)

Committee for the United Nations Population Award

Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

International Narcotics Control Board (E/2003/L.3/Add.12)

2. Regional cooperation (E/2003/15/Add.2)[2] . . . . . [10]
3. Economic and environmental questions . . . . . [13]
   (h) International cooperation in tax matters
   (i) United Nations Forum on Forests (E/2003/42)

[1] Immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations of the Economic and Social Council.
[2] To be issued.
[3] For additional information on elections, please contact Ms. Nancy Beteta (tel. 1 (212) 963-5722).

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Eastern European States Group: Group of Experts on Candidatures

There will be a meeting of the Group of Experts on Candidatures of the Eastern European Group on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, from 9.30 to 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room B.

Group of 77 *(Third Committee: follow-up to Beijing and Beijing+5; follow-up to Madrid; and INSTRAW)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(follow-up to Beijing and Beijing+5; follow-up to Madrid; and INSTRAW)* on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1.p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Group of 77 *(at the ambassadorial level)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Group of 77 *(Second Committee meeting on environment and sustainable development; and the issue of partnerships)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on environment and sustainable development; and the issue of partnerships)* on Friday, 31 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1.p.m., in a conference room to be announced.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on violence against women (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on violence against women (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands, will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, 29 and 30 October 2003, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Briefing on "The International Financial Structure" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

There will be a briefing on "The International Financial Structure", organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden, on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. A new study on the international financial structure will be presented by its authors. The meeting will be chaired by Ms. Ruth Jacoby, Director-General for Development Cooperation, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Sweden. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

Southern African Development Committee (SADC) *(Third Committee experts) (agenda item 112)*

There will be a meeting of the Southern African Development Committee (SADC) *(Third Committee experts) (agenda item 112)* on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Panel discussion on "Policy Coherence, Mutual Accountability and Partnership: Fulfilling the Promises of Monterrey"

A panel discussion on "Policy Coherence, Mutual Accountability and Partnership: Fulfilling the Promises of Monterrey", organized by the United Nations Development Programme and the Centre for Global Development, in collaboration with the Financing for Development Office of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be held

on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting will be chaired by Mr. Hafiz Pasha, Assistant Administrator and Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific, UNDP. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Dasa Silovic (tel. 1 (212) 906-5329).

Meeting of co-sponsors and open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the international covenants on human rights (agenda item 117 (a)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

A meeting of co-sponsors and open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the international covenants on human Rights (agenda item 117 (a)) (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden, will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8, on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, and on Friday, 31 October.

Open-ended meeting on the draft resolution on implementing actions proposed by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in strengthening the capacity of his Office to carry out its mandate (agenda item 112) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Denmark)

There will be open-ended meeting on the draft resolution on implementing actions proposed by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in strengthening the capacity of his Office to carry out its mandate (agenda item 112) (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of Denmark, on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Rights of the child" (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union) and the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Rights of the child" (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union) and the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies" (agenda item 20) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Mongolia)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies" (agenda item 20), organized by the Permanent Mission of Mongolia, on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (agenda item 40 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

A meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (agenda item 40 (a)), organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden, will be held on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, from 4 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

MASON Group *(on First Committee matters)*

There will be a meeting of the MASON Group *(on First Committee matters)* on Thursday, 30 October 2003, at 9 a.m. in Conference Room 5.

African Group *(on the draft resolution on refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of South Africa)*

There will be a meeting of the African Group *(on the draft resolution on refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa (Third Committee))*, organized by the Permanent Mission of South Africa, on Thursday, 30 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m., in a conference room to be announced.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Situation of and assistance to Palestinian children" (A/C.3/58/L.24) (agenda item 113) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Egypt)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Situation of and assistance to Palestinian children" (A/C.3/58/L.24) (agenda item 113), organized by the Permanent Mission of Egypt, on Thursday, 30 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Round table on "Campaigning for the Millennium Development Goals in the United States: Challenges, Opportunities and the NetAid Approach"

There will be a round table on "Campaigning for the Millennium Development Goals in the United States: Challenges, Opportunities and the NetAid Approach", co-sponsored by the World Federation of United Nations Associations and the NGO Section of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Thursday, 30 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

Presentation of the *Human Development Report 2003* on "Millennium Development Goals: a compact among nations to end human poverty"

There will be a presentation of the *Human Development Report 2003* on "Millennium Development Goals: a compact among nations to end human poverty", organized by the Human Development Report Office, United Nations Development Programme, in collaboration with the Financing for Development Office of the Department of

Economic and Social Affairs, on Thursday, 30 October 2003, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The report will be presented by Ms. Sakiko Fukuda-Parr, Director, Human Development Report Office, UNDP, and Ms. Eveline Herfkens, Executive Coordinator for the Millennium Development Goals Campaign. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Nena Terrell (tel. 1 (212) 906-3629).

Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO)

There will be meetings of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO) on Thursday, 30 October 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8; and on Monday, 3 November, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster" (agenda item 40 (c)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster" (agenda item 40 (c)), organized by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation, on Thursday, 30 October 2003, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Briefings by Executive Secretaries of regional commissions on the regional implementation of financing for development and of sustainable development

Ms. Brigita Schmögnerová, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), will hold a briefing for ECE Member States, on Friday, 31 October 2003, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

Ms. Alicia Bárcena, Officer-in-Charge, Deputy Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), will hold a briefing for the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, on Friday, 31 October 2003, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 9.

Mr. K.Y. Amoako, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), will hold a briefing for the African Group *(at the ambassadorial level)*, on Friday, 31 October 2003, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Meeting of interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)" (A/C.2/58/L.4) (agenda item 98) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

There will be a meeting of interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)" (A/C.2/58/L.4) (agenda item 98), organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil, on Friday, 31 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Meeting of interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Programme of Action for the International Year of Microcredit, 2005" (A/C.2/58/L.3) (agenda item 98) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Guatemala)

There will be a meeting of interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Programme of Action for the International Year of Microcredit, 2005" (A/C.2/58/L.3) (agenda item 98), organized by the Permanent Mission of Guatemala, on Friday, 31 October 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Meeting of interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds and assets of illicit origin and returning such funds and assets to the countries of origin" (A/C.2/58/L.2) (agenda item 92) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Portugal)

There will be a meeting of interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds and assets of illicit origin and returning such funds and assets to the countries of origin" (A/C.2/58/L.2) (agenda item 92), organized by the Permanent Mission of Portugal, on Friday, 31 October 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Room S-2963D.

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on violence against women (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on violence against women (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands, on Friday, 31 October 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Briefing on the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) (organized by the United Nations Information and Communication Technologies Task Force)

There will be a briefing by Mr. Mark Furrer, State Secretary, Director of the Federal Office of Communications, Switzerland; Mr. Daniel Stauffacher, Delegate of the Swiss Federal Council for the World Summit; and Mr. Nitin Desai, Special Advisor to the Secretary-General on the World Summit on the Information Society, on the first phase of the World Summit, to be held in Geneva from 10 to 12 December 2003. The briefing, organized by the United Nations Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Task Force, will be held on Monday, 3 November 2003, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Background material on the World Summit can be obtained on the following Web site: www.itu.int/wsis/. For further information, please contact Ms. Maria Lehtinen, ICT Task Force secretariat (e-mail lehtinen@un.org).

UNITAR French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on Monday, 3 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; on Tuesday, 4 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.; and on Wednesday, 5 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 29 October 2003. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Panel discussion on microcredit

There will be a panel discussion on microcredit, co-organized by the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and the Microcredit Summit Campaign, on the occasion of the release of the *State of the Microcredit Summit Campaign Report*, on Monday, 3 November 2003, from 1 to 2.15 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

Members of the permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Carol Sakubita (tel. 1 (917) 367-5710).

Symposia on population and development

The symposia on population and development, organized by the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and the Office of the Permanent Observer of Partners in Population and Development to the United Nations, will continue at Headquarters, as follows:

Symposium II on "Family Planning, Reproductive Health and Development": Monday, 3 November 2003, from 3 to 5.30 p.m., in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium;

Symposium III on "Empowerment of Women": Monday, 10 November, from 3 to 5.30 p.m., in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium; and

Symposium IV on "Population and HIV/AIDS": Wednesday, 19 November, from 4 to 6 p.m., in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend [For further information: tel. 1 (212) 457-1828; e-mail rgarvey@ppdsec.org].

JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)*

There will be meetings of the JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)*, as follows: 4 November 2003, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room A; 11 November, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room B; and from 17 to 21 November, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room D.

UNITAR briefing on "Developments in Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea"

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea of the Office of Legal Affairs are jointly organizing a briefing on "Developments in Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea". The briefing, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, 5 and 6 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the tentative programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all permanent missions in New York. The registration deadline is Friday, 31 October 2003. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 963-9196).

UNITAR Briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The briefing is intended primarily for representatives of those States that will be members of the Council in 2004. Depending on the availability of seats, delegates from other States may attend as observers. The briefing will be held on the following dates: Monday, 10 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 11 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 12 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Thursday, 13 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all States that will be members of the Security Council in 2004. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 5 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Friday, 3 October 2003, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the NAM Caucus Room.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Monday, 27 October 2003

Security Council

4849th meeting

International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

Letter dated 12 September 2003 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2003/879)

Letter dated 3 October 2003 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2003/946)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2003/1033, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/2003/1033) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2003/1033) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1512 (2003).

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2003/18).

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

43rd plenary meeting

Follow-up on the outcome of the Millennium Summit: draft resolution (A/58/L.5) . [60]

The representative of China made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/58/L.5.

Statements were made by the representatives of Morocco (on behalf of the Group 77 and China), the Russian Federation, Brazil, India, Cuba, Thailand and Pakistan.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 60.

Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [55]; United Nations reform: measures and proposals [57]; ***Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields*** [58]; ***Strengthening of the United Nations system: report of the Secretary-General (A/57/786, A/58/175, A/58/351, A/58/382, A/58/395 and A/58/395/Corr.1)*** [59]: joint debate

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

The Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Australia (also on behalf of Canada and New Zealand), as well as by H.E. The Honourable Kaliopate Tavola, Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade of Fiji (on behalf of the Pacific Islands Forum), and the representatives of Norway, Algeria (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Morocco (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Peru (on behalf of the Rio Group),

Suriname (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Egypt and Italy (on behalf of the European Union and of the Czech Republic, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey).

44th plenary meeting

Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [55]; United Nations reform: measures and proposals [57]; Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields [58]; Strengthening of the United Nations system: reports of the Secretary-General (A/57/786, A/58/175, A/58/351, A/58/382, A/58/395 and Corr.1) [59]: joint debate

Statements were made by the representatives of Namibia, Kuwait, Japan, Pakistan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, South Africa, Jamaica, Malaysia, Guatemala, the United States, Switzerland, Guyana, Tunisia and Belarus.

Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development . . . . [104]

(b) High-level dialogue for the implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development

(i) Note by the Secretariat (A/57/CRP.5)

(ii) Draft decision (A/58/L.6)

The representative of Pakistan made statement.

The President of the General Assembly made statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft decision A/58/L.6.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 104.

Main Committees

First Committee

16th meeting

The Committee began its third phase of work, namely, action on all draft resolutions/decisions submitted under disarmament and international security agenda items 62 to 80.

The Chairman made a statement.

The representatives of Italy (on behalf of the European Union) and Cuba made statements.

In explanations of vote before the vote, the representatives of Israel, the United States and Italy (on behalf of the European Union) made statements.

Draft decision A/C.1/58/L.2 was adopted by a recorded vote of 104 to 7, with 40 abstentions.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.4 was adopted by a recorded vote of 90 to 3, with 59 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.6 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.8 was adopted by a recorded vote of 98 to none, with 59 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.12 was adopted without a vote.

Draft decision A/C.1/58/L.14 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.22 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.34 was adopted by a recorded vote of 99 to 46, with 14 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.36 was adopted by a recorded vote of 102 to 46, with 10 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.38 was adopted as follows: the last three words in operative paragraph 5 were adopted by a recorded vote of 142 to 2, with 11 abstentions; operative paragraph 5 as a whole was adopted by a recorded vote of 145 to 1, with 11 abstentions; and draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.38 as a whole was adopted by a recorded vote of 146 to 3, with 9 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.49 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.52 was adopted by a recorded vote of 151 to 1, with 4 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, the representatives of the Republic of Korea, India, Colombia, Germany, Japan, the Syrian Arab Republic, the United States, Cuba, Pakistan, Spain, the United Kingdom and Australia made statements.

The representative of the Lao People's Democratic Republic made a statement.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.37 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.41 was adopted without a vote.

The representatives of Pakistan, New Zealand and Egypt then made statements in explanation of position.

On a point of order, the representative of Yemen made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.44 was adopted by a recorded vote of 161 to none, with 3 abstentions.

The representatives of Italy (on behalf of the European Union), the Netherlands and Belarus made statements.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

The Chairman of the Committee made a statement.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

14th meeting

Questions relating to information . . . . . [86]

The Chairman drew attention to the report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/58/175.

The Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information made a statement.

The representative of Jamaica, Rapporteur of the Committee on Information, introduced the report of the Committee (A/58/21).

The representative of Bangladesh, in his capacity as Chairman of the Committee on Information, made a statement.

The Committee began its general debate on this item and heard statements by the representatives of Italy (on behalf of the European Union, the acceding countries – Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, the associated countries – Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, and the EFTA countries, members of the European Economic Area, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway), Morocco (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Venezuela, Peru (on behalf of the Rio Group), Lebanon, the United Arab Emirates, Algeria, Tunisia, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Ecuador.

Second Committee

22nd meeting

Training and research . . . . . [99]

(a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research

(b) United Nations System Staff College in Turin, Italy

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

An introductory statement was made by the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research. The Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, made a statement. The Director of the United Nations System Staff College in Turin made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Italy (on behalf of the European Union, as well as the acceding countries – Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia), Egypt, Nigeria, Switzerland, Trinidad and Tobago (on behalf of MERCOSUR) and Pakistan.

The Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research responded to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on item 99 and sub-items (a) and (b).

Deadline for submission of draft proposals

At the request of the representative of Italy, the Committee approved an extension of the deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 99 to Thursday, 30 October.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation . . . . . [93]

(b) Human resources development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.5

The representative of Morocco introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development . . . . [95]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.8

The representative of Tajikistan introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document.

Third Committee

25th meeting

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination . . . . . [115]

(a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Rights of peoples to self-determination (A/58/115 and A/58/180). . . . . . [116]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard an introductory statement by the Special Rapporteur on the question of the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the rights of peoples to self-determination.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Special Rapporteur, in which the representative of Cuba took part.

Statements were made by the representatives of Norway, Egypt, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Algeria, the Sudan, Saudi Arabia, Venezuela, Cuba, Egypt, Japan, Jordan, Mexico, Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)) and San Marino.

The observer of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies made a statement.

The representative of the International Labour Organization also made a statement.

Right of reply

The representatives of Morocco and Algeria made statements in the exercise of the right of reply.

Organization of work

The Committee was reminded that the list of speakers for items 115 (a) and (b) and item 116 would be closed at 1 p.m. the same day, and that the deadline for submission of draft proposals under the 2 items was Friday, 31 October, at 6 p.m.

Sixth Committee

14th meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-fifth session [152]

The Committee began its consideration of agenda item 152. The Chairman of the Committee spoke.

The Chairman of the International Law Commission, Mr. Enrique Candioti, introduced chapters I, II, III, IV and XI of the Commission's report.

Statements were made by the representatives of Italy (on behalf of the European Union, the acceding countries – Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries – Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey), Finland (on behalf of the Nordic countries), Denmark

(also on behalf of the Nordic countries), Austria, Japan, the Netherlands, Italy and Germany.

The Special Rapporteur for the topic "Responsibility of international organizations", Mr. Giorgio Gaja, made a statement.

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization . . . . . [155]

The representative of Egypt introduced draft resolution A/C.6/58/L.18.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Accession: Senegal (27 October 2003)[1]

Tampere Convention on the Provision of Telecommunication Resources for Disaster Mitigation and Relief Operations. Tampere, 18 June 1998

Ratification: Peru (27 October 2003)[1]

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties. Montreal, 17 September 1997

Ratification: Turkey (24 October 2003)[1]

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Beijing, 3 December 1999

Ratification: Turkey (24 October 2003)[1]

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Montreal, 29 January 2000

Ratification: Turkey (24 October 2003)[1]

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Ratification: Senegal (27 October 2003)[1]

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Ratification: Senegal (27 October 2003)[1]

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Ratification: Senegal (27 October 2003)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

United Nations Convention Against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Opening for signature

The above Convention is expected to be adopted on Friday, 31 October 2003, during the the plenary meeting of the General Assembly at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

It is also expected that the Convention will be open for signature from 9 to 11 December 2003 at the "Centro de Convenciones y Exposiciones Yucatán Siglo XXI" in Mérida, Mexico, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 9 December 2005 by all States and by regional economic integration organizations, provided that at least one Member State of such organization is a signatory to the Convention.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in the possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers by *4 December 2003* to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org). Original instruments of full powers should be provided to the depositary representative at the signature ceremony.

Interactive dialogue (in memory of Sergio Vieira de Mello)

The Permanent Mission of Mali, in cooperation with PDHRE-People's Movement for Human Rights Education and the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, invites members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media to participate in an interactive dialogue on societal development through human rights education on and learning on "Freedom from want" and "Freedom from fear", to be held *today*, 28 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

DPI/NGO briefing

This week, the topic of the DPI/NGO briefing will be "Global Security Treaties: Strengthening the Rule of Law." The Briefing will be held on Thursday, 30 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Tala Dowlatshahi, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859).

Special event to launch the International Year of Rice, 2004

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/162, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) will launch the International Year of Rice, 2004, at a ceremony to be held on Friday, 31 October 2003, from 12.30 to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Special event on the occasion of the third anniversary of the adoption of the Security Council resolution 1325 (2002) (Women, peace and security)

On the occasion of the third anniversary of the adoption of the Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) (Women, peace and security), a panel discussion on "Impact of 1325 – Reality or Fiction?", co-organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, Department of Political Affairs, and the Inter-Agency Task Force on Women, Peace and Security, will be held, on Friday, 31 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of the permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women (tel. 1 (212) 963 5221; e-mail osagi@un.org).

Web sites

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Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on 27 October 2003.

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A/58/16	Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination — Forty-third session (9 June-3 July and 9 July 2003) — Supplement No. 16 [A C E F R S]
A/58/18	Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination — Sixty-second session (3-21 March 2003) — Sixty-third session (4-22 August 2003) — Supplement No. 18 [A C E F R S]
A/58/36	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights — Supplement No. 36 [A C E F R S]
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	Documents
	Fifty-eighth session
A/58/7/Add.3	Item 120 — Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 — Salary and retirement allowance of the Secretary-General and salary and pensionable remuneration of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme — Fourth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]
A/58/7/Add.4	Item 121 — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 — Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 2004 — Fifth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]

A/58/252/Corr.1*	Reissued for technical reasons [F S (only)]
A/58/393	Item 117 (c) — Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives — Protection of and assistance to internally displaced persons — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/58/410	Item 112 — Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions — Strengthening the capacity of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to carry out its mandate — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/58/438-S/2003/1013	Item 30 — Question of Cyprus — Letter dated 15 October 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/58/474	Item 85 — Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects — Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) [A C E F R S]
A/58/527	Items 19 and 32 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) — Letter dated 20 October 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/58/528	Item 121 — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 — Revised estimates: effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/58/531	Item 123 — Improving the financial situation of the United Nations — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
	First Committee
A/C.1/58/3/Add.1	Membership of the First Committee [A C E F R S (multilingual)]
A/C.1/58/L.38*	Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]
A/C.1/58/INF/2	Information note by the Secretariat — Additional co-sponsors of draft resolutions/decisions [E (only)]
	Second Committee
A/C.2/58/2	Item 12 — Report of the Economic and Social Council — Agreement between the United Nations and the World Tourism Organization — Note by the Secretariat [A C E F R S]
A/C.2/58/L.5	Item 93 (b) — Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: human resources development — Morocco: draft resolution — Human resources development [A C E F R S]
A/C.2/58/L.6	Item 91 (b) — Macroeconomic policy questions: science and technology for development — Morocco: draft decision — Science and technology for development [A C E F R S]
A/C.2/58/L.7	Item 94 (b) — Environment and sustainable development: Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa — Morocco: draft resolution — Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa [A C E F R S]

A/C.2/58/L.8	Item 95 — Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development — 75-Power draft resolution — International Decade for Action, "Water for Life", 2005-2015 [A C E F R S]
	Third Committee
A/C.3/58/L.26	Item 106 and 121 — Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 — Preparations for the observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2004 — Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.2 (as amended by A/C.3/58/L.12) — Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
	Sixth Committee
A/C.6/58/L.18	Item 155 — Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization — Egypt: draft resolution — Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [A C E F R S]
	Tenth emergency special session
A/ES-10/L.14	Item 5 — Illegal Israeli actions in Occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory — 28-Power draft resolution — Illegal Israeli actions in Occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory [A C E F R S]

Security Council	**Documents**
S/2003/871	Letter dated 9 September 2003 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2003/914	Letter dated 18 September 2003 from the President of the Governing Council of the United Nations Compensation Commission addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2003/998	Letter dated 9 October 2003 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2003/999	Letter dated 9 October 2003 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2003/1000	Letter dated 9 October 2003 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2003/1001	Letter dated 9 October 2003 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

S/2003/1002	Letter dated 9 October 2003 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2003/1007	Letter dated 9 October 2003 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
A/58/438-S/2003/1013	Letter dated 15 October 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
S/2003/1026*	Reissued for technical reasons [C (only)]
S/2003/1027	Letter dated 23 October 2003 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2003/1032	Letter dated 10 October 2003 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/4848	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]

Economic and Social Council

Documents

Resumed substantive session of 2003

E/2003/105	Item 1 — Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters — Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau — Letter dated 29 September 2003 from the Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations and Chairman of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council [A C E F R S]
E/2003/L.3/Add.14	Item 1 — Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters — Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments — Election of one member of the International Narcotics Control Board from among candidates nominated by Governments, pursuant to article 9, paragraph 1 (b), of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol — Note by the Secretary-General — Withdrawal of candidature [A C E F R S]

Secretariat

ST/IC/2003/56	Information Circular — Review of staff claims for dependency benefits for 2002 and other staff information [E F (only)]

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Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . 4852nd meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Women and peace and security

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10 a.m. . . . . 47th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

High-level dialogue for the implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development . . . . . [104 (b)]

(a) Reports by the Secretary-General (A/58/216 and A/58/323)

(b) Note by the Secretary-General (A/58/436)

(c) Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/58/3, Parts I-II)

(d) Note by the Secretariat (A/58/77, A/58/77/Add.1 and A/58/77/Add.2)

(e) Conference Room Paper (A/58/CRP.2)

Morning[1] Round tables

Round tables 1 and 2: *"Regional dimensions of the implementation of the results of the International Conference on Financing for Development"*

Round table 1 . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Round table 2 . . . . . Conference Room 5

[1] Immediately following the adjournment of the 47th plenary meeting.

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Round tables 3 and 4: *"Coherence and consistency of the international monetary, financial and trading systems in support of development"*

Round table 3 . . . . . Conference Room 6

Round table 4 . . . . . Conference Room 7

3 p.m. Round tables

Round tables 5 and 6: *"The link between the progress in the implementation of the agreements and commitments reached at the International Conference on Financing for Development and the achievement of internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration"*

Round table 5 . . . . . Conference Room 5

Round table 6 . . . . . Conference Room 6

Round tables 7 and 8: *"The link between the progress in the implementation of the agreements and commitments reached at the International Conference on Financing for Development and the promotion of sustainable development, sustained economic growth and the eradication of poverty with a view to achieving an equitable global economic system"*

Round table 7 . . . . . Conference Room 7

Round table 8 . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development [agenda item 104 (b)]
(29–30 October 2003)

Inscriptions for Member States wishing to participate in the ministerial-level round tables

All delegations are invited to participate additionally in round tables 2 and 4, which still have availability, to be held *today*, 29 October 2003, in the morning, in Conference Rooms 5 and 7, respectively. Delegations wishing to do so may proceed directly to the relevant conference room to obtain access tickets from the Secretary of the round table.

Round table 2 (morning): *"Regional dimensions of the implementation of the results of the International Conference on Financing for Development"*

Round table 4 (morning): *"Coherence and consistency of the international monetary, financial and trading systems in support of development"*

Background information is available on the FFD Web site www.un.org/esa/ffd.

Main Committees

First Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 18th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under all disarmament and international security agenda items (items 62-80):

Documents of the First Committee: *item 63* (A/58/128, A/C.1/58/L.48); *item 64* (A/58/29, A/C.1/58/L.24); *item 65* (A/C.1/58/L.11, A/C.1/58/L.58); *item 67* (A/C.1/58/L.30); *item* 68 (A/C.1/58/L.3); *item 69* (A/58/373, A/C.1/58/L.33); *item 73* (A/58/117 and A/58/117/Add.1, A/58/117/Add.2, A/58/129, A/58/129/Add.1, A/58/130, A/58/138, A/58/162, A/58/162/Add.1, A/58/176 and A/58/176/Add.1, A/58/207, A/58/208, A/58/208/Add.1, A/58/406, A/58/848, A/C.1/58/4, A/C.1/58/L.1, A/C.1/58/L.1/Rev.1, A/C.1/58/L.15, A/C.1/58/L.16, A/C.1/58/L.16/Rev.1, A/C.1/58/L.17, A/C.1/58/L.18, A/C.1/58/L.19, A/C.1/58/L.25, A/C.1/58/L.25/Rev.1, A/C.1/58/L.26, A/C.1/58/L.27, A/C.1/58/L.29, A/C.1/58/L.35, A/C.1/58/L.39, A/C.1/58/L.40, A/C.1/58/L.43, A/C.1/58/L.46, A/C.1/58/L.47, A/C.1/58/L.53); *item 74* (A/58/122, A/58/139, A/58/177, A/58/190, A/58/203, A/58/274, A/C.1/58/L.7, A/C.1/58/L.21, A/C.1/58/L.28, A/C.1/58/L.54, A/C.1/58/L.55, A/C.1/58/L.57, A/C.1/58/L.59); *item 75* (A/58/27, A/58/42, A/58/259; A/58/316, A/C.1/58/L.20); *item 76* (A/58/259, A/58/137, A/58/137 (Part I), A/58/137 (Part I)/Add.1, A/58/137 (Part I)/Add.1/Corr.1, A/58/137 (Part II), A/C.1/58/L.23); and *item 78* (A/58/132, A/58/132/Add.1, A/58/132/Add.2, A/C.1/58/L.42) (other documents: A/C.1/58/1, A/C.1/58/2, A/C.1/58/3, A/C.1/58/3/Add.1, A/C.1/58/INF.1, A/C.1/58/INF.2, A/C.1/58/INF.2*, A/C.1/58/INF.2/Add.1)

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

3–6 p.m . . . . . 16th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Questions relating to information (A/58/21, A/58/175, A/58/16, chap. III, sect. B, programme 23, and A/58/90, annex) . . . . . [86]

Action on draft proposals contained in the report of the Committee on Information (A/58/21)

Third Committee

3–4.30 p.m. . . . . 27th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

1. Promotion and protection of the rights of children . . . . . [113]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/58/L.25 and A/C.3/58/L.28

2. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People . . . . . [114]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.27

3. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination . . . . . [115]

(a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination (A/58/3, A/58/18, A/58/80-E/2003/71 and A/58/313)

(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (A/58/324 and A/58/331)

Rights of peoples to self-determination (A/58/115 and A/58/180) . . . . . [116]

Continuation of general discussion

Fifth Committee

9.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m. . . 11th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 . . . . . [121]

Programme planning . . . . . [122]

(A/58/6 and A/58/6/Corr.1 and A/58/6 (Introduction), A/58/6 (Sect. 1), A/58/6 (Sect. 2), A/58/6 (Sect. 3), A/58/6 (Sect. 3)/Corr.1, A/58/6 (Sect. 3)/Corr.2, A/58/6 (Sect. 4), A/58/6 (Sect. 5), A/58/6 (Sect. 6), A/58/6 (Sect. 7), A/58/6 (Sect. 8), A/58/6 (Sect. 9), A/58/6 (Sect. 10), A/58/6 (Sect. 11), A/58/6 (Sect. 12), A/58/6 (Sect. 13), A/58/6 (Sect. 13)/Add.1, A/58/6 (Sect. 14)/Rev.1, A/58/6 (Sect. 15), A/58/6 (Sect. 16), A/58/6 (Sect. 17), A/58/6 (Sect. 18), A/58/6 (Sect. 19), A/58/6 (Sect. 20), A/58/6 (Sect. 21), A/58/6 (Sect. 22), A/58/6 (Sect. 23), A/58/6 (Sect. 24), A/58/6 (Sect. 25), A/58/6 (Sect. 26), A/58/6 (Sect. 27), A/58/6 (Sect. 28), A/58/6 (Sect. 29), A/58/6 (Sect. 30), A/58/6 (Sect. 31), A/58/6 (Sect. 32), A/58/6 (Sect. 33), A/58/6 (Sect. 34), A/58/6 (Sect. 35), A/58/6 (Income Sect. 1), A/58/6 (Income Sect. 2), A/58/6 (Income Sect. 3), A/58/16, A/58/7 and A/58/7/Corr.1)

Continuation of general discussion

Sixth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 16th meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

3–4.30 p.m. . . . . 17th meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-fifth session (A/58/10) . . . . . [152]

4.30–5 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on agenda item 152 (Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-fifth session) (Draft resolution)

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO: revised estimates
2. Draft reports

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Informal consultations on agenda item 52 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Other meetings

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JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)*

9–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Eastern European States Group: Group of Experts on Candidatures

9.30–10.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Group of 77 *(Third Committee: follow-up to Beijing and Beijing+5; follow-up to Madrid; and INSTRAW)*

10–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Group of 77 *(at the ambassadorial level)*

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)*

1–4.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Group of 77 *(on humanitarian issues)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Group of 77 *(on agenda items 93 (a), 99 (a) and 97 (b); and the draft resolution on the International Conference on Population and Development)*

3–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (organized by the Permanent Mission of Mexico)

10–11 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on violence against women (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The girl child" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Namibia)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Caribbean Community (CARICOM) *(on Second Committee matters)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Disarmament

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Southern African Development Committee (SADC) *(Third Committee experts) (agenda item 112)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Meeting of co-sponsors and open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the international covenants on human rights (agenda item 117 (a)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Open-ended meeting on the draft resolution on implementing actions proposed by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in strengthening the capacity of his Office to carry out its mandate (agenda item 112) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Denmark)

3–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Rights of the child" (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union) and the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies" (agenda item 20) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Mongolia)

3–4 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (agenda item 40 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

4.30–5.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Briefing on "The International Financial Structure" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

There will be a briefing on "The International Financial Structure", organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden, *today*, 29 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. A new study on the international financial structure will be presented by its authors. The meeting will be chaired by Ms. Ruth Jacoby, Director-General for Development Cooperation, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Sweden. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

Panel discussion on "Policy Coherence, Mutual Accountability and Partnership: Fulfilling the Promises of Monterrey"

A panel discussion on "Policy Coherence, Mutual Accountability and Partnership: Fulfilling the Promises of Monterrey", organized by the United Nations Development Programme and the Centre for Global Development, in collaboration with the Financing for Development Office of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be held *today*, 29 October 2003, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting will be chaired by Mr. Hafiz Pasha, Assistant Administrator and Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific, UNDP. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Dasa Silovic (tel. 1 (212) 906-5329).

United Nations Administrative Tribunal

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will hold closed meetings *today*, 29 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in room DC2-0461.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Wednesday, 29 October 2003

Room S-226

11 a.m. . . . . Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs (on the High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development)

Forthcoming official meetings

Thursday, 30 October 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

9.30 a.m. . . . . . **48th plenary meeting** . . . . . General Assembly Hall

High-level dialogue for the implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development . . . . . [104 (b)]

(a) Reports by the Secretary-General (A/58/216 and A/58/323)

(b) Note by the Secretary-General (A/58/436)

(c) Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/58/3, Parts I-II)

(d) Note by the Secretariat (A/58/77, A/58/77/Add.1 and A/58/77/Add.2)

(e) Conference Room Paper (A/58/CRP.2)

Morning[1] . . . . . Conference Room 4

Informal interactive dialogue, chaired by the President of the General Assembly

3–6 p.m. . . . . . Conference Room 4

Informal interactive dialogue, chaired by the President of the General Assembly

6 p.m. . . . . . **49th plenary meeting** . . . . . General Assembly Hall

High-level dialogue for the implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development . . . . . [104 (b)]

(a) Reports by the Secretary-General (A/58/216 and A/58/323)

(b) Note by the Secretary-General (A/58/436)

(c) Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/58/3, Parts I-II)

(d) Note by the Secretariat (A/58/77, A/58/77/Add.1 and A/58/77/Add.2)

(e) Conference Room Paper (A/58/CRP.2)

[1] Immediately following the adjournment of the 48th plenary meeting.

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 12th meeting on Thursday, 30 October 2003, at 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will also be held at 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Second Committee

Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Trade" on Friday, 31 October 2003, following the adjournment of the 51st meeting of the Economic and Social Council (at approximately 4 p.m.), in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The meeting will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Iftekhar Chowdhury (Bangladesh), Chairman of the Second Committee. The proceedings will begin with a keynote address by Mr. Pascal Lamy, European Union Commissioner for Trade, followed by a question-and-answer session. Ambassador Clodoaldo Hugueney, Under-Secretary General for Economic and Technological Affairs, Ministry of External Relations of Brazil, will then address the Committee. A dialogue session will follow, in which Mr. Roberto Bissio, Instituto del Tercer Mundo, will participate as lead discussant. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information please contact, the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-4201; or e-mail ecosocinfo@un.org).

Informal dialogue

There will be a dialogue between the Second Committee and the new Chief Economist of the World Bank, Mr. François Bourguignon, on Wednesday, 5 November 2003, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Third Committee

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee, as follows:

Under agenda item 117:

Monday, 10 November 2003, at 3 p.m.: Ms. Hina Jilani (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Human Rights Defenders); Mr. Peter Leuprecht (Special Representative of the Secretary-General for human rights in Cambodia); and Ms. Gabriela Rodríguez Pizarro (Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants);

Tuesday, 11 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Abdelfattah Amor (Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief); Mr. Theo van Boven (Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment); and Mr. Francis Deng (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on internally displaced persons); *at 3 p.m.*: Mr. Jean Ziegler (Special Rapporteur on the right to food); Mr. Paul Hunt (Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health); and Ms. Yakin Ertürk (Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences); and

Wednesday, 12 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Paulo Sérgio Pinheiro (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar); Ms. Marie-Thérèse Aïssata Kéita-Bocoum (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi); and Ms. Iulia Motoc (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo); *at 3 p.m.*: Mr. Andreas Mavrommatis (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iraq); and Mr. John Dugard (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for dialogue, questions and comments. All interested members of the Committee are invited to participate.

United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities

The 2003 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will be held on Tuesday, 4 November 2003, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. It would be appreciated if delegations could submit the names of their representatives to the pledging conference, in writing, to Ms. Lorna Fidler (tel. 1 (212) 963-2319; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). The list of speakers will be open as of Friday, 24 October 2003. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact Ms. Lorna Fidler.

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Informal consultations on agenda item 52 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 52 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) will be held as follows: Thursday, 30 October, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3; and Friday, 31 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Economic and Social Council

Resumed substantive session 2003

Informal consultations

The President of the Economic and Social Council, Mr. Gert Rosenthal (Guatemala), will hold informal consultations on Friday, 31 October 2003, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council, on all issues before the 51st meeting of the resumed substantive session of the Council.

Resumed substantive session 2003

The Economic and Social Council will hold its 51st meeting on Friday, 31 October 2003, in the afternoon[1], in the Economic and Social Council, on the following outstanding matters before the resumed substantive session 2003:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (E/2003/104 and E/2003/105[2]) [1]

Elections (postponed elections)[3]:

Commission on Science and Technology for Development

Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (E/2003/L.3/Add.13)

Committee for the United Nations Population Award

[1] Immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations of the Economic and Social Council.

[2] To be issued.

[3] For additional information on elections, please contact Ms. Nancy Beteta (tel. 1 (212) 963-5722).

Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

International Narcotics Control Board (E/2003/L.3/Add.12)

2. Regional cooperation (E/2003/15/Add.2)[1] . . . . . [10]

3. Economic and environmental questions. . . . . [13]

(h) International cooperation in tax matters

(i) United Nations Forum on Forests (E/2003/42)

[1] To be issued.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Mason Group *(on First Committee matters)*

There will be a meeting of the Mason Group *(on First Committee matters)* on Thursday, 30 October 2003, at 9 a.m. in Conference Room 5.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on violence against women (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on violence against women (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands, will be held on Thursday, 30 October 2003, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Group of 77 (*Third Committee: follow-up to Beijing and Beijing+5; follow up to Madrid; and INSTRAW)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (*Third Committee: follow-up to Beijing and Beijing+5; follow up to Madrid; and INSTRAW*) on Thursday, 30 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Group of 77 (*Second Committee: sustainable and environmental issues; and partnerships)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(Second Committee: sustainable and environmental issues; and partnerships)* on Friday, 31 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Group of 77 (*Second Committee: on trade issues)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(Second Committee: on trade issues)* on Friday, 31 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 to 5 p.m., in a conference room to be announced.

African Group *(on the draft resolution on refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa) (Third Committee)*

There will be meetings of the African Group *(on the draft resolution on refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa) (Third Committee)*, on Thursday and Friday, 30 and 31 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber; and on Monday, 3 November, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m., in a conference room to be announced.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Situation of and assistance to Palestinian children" (A/C.3/58/L.24) (agenda item 113) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Egypt)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Situation of and assistance to Palestinian children" (A/C.3/58/L.24) (agenda item 113), organized by the Permanent Mission of Egypt, on Thursday, 30 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Round table on "Campaigning for the Millennium Development Goals in the United States: Challenges, Opportunities and the NetAid Approach"

There will be a round table on "Campaigning for the Millennium Development Goals in the United States: Challenges, Opportunities and the NetAid Approach", co-sponsored by the World Federation of United Nations Associations and the NGO Section of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Thursday, 30 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

Presentation of the *Human Development Report 2003* on "Millennium Development Goals: a compact among nations to end human poverty"

There will be a presentation of the *Human Development Report 2003* on "Millennium Development Goals: a compact among nations to end human poverty", organized by the Human Development Report Office, United Nations Development Programme, in collaboration with the Financing for Development Office of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Thursday, 30 October 2003, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The report will be presented by Ms. Sakiko Fukuda-Parr, Director, Human Development Report Office, UNDP, and Ms. Eveline Herfkens, Executive Coordinator for the Millennium Development Goals Campaign. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Nena Terrell (tel. 1 (212) 906-3629).

Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO)

There will be meetings of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO) on Thursday, 30 October 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8; and on Monday, 3 November, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (agenda item 117 (a)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Denmark)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (agenda item 117 (a)) (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of Denmark, on Thursday, 30 October 2003, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster" (agenda item 40 (c)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster" (agenda item 40 (c)), organized by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation, on Thursday, 30 October 2003, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Briefings by Executive Secretaries of regional commissions on the regional implementation of financing for development and of sustainable development

Ms. Brigita Schmögnerová, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), will hold a briefing for ECE Member States, on Friday, 31 October 2003, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

Ms. Alicia Bárcena, Officer-in-Charge, Deputy Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), will hold a briefing for the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, on Friday, 31 October 2003, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 9.

Mr. K.Y. Amoako, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), will hold a briefing for the African Group *(at the ambassadorial level)*, on Friday, 31 October 2003, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Meeting of interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Programme of Action for the International Year of Microcredit, 2005" (A/C.2/58/L.3) (agenda item 98) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Guatemala)

There will be a meeting of interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Programme of Action for the International Year of Microcredit, 2005" (A/C.2/58/L.3) (agenda item 98), organized by the Permanent Mission of Guatemala, on Friday, 31 October 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Meeting of interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds and assets of illicit origin and returning such funds and assets to the countries of origin" (A/C.2/58/L.2) (agenda item 92) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Portugal)

There will be a meeting of interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds and assets of illicit origin and returning such funds and assets to the countries of origin" (A/C.2/58/L.2) (agenda item 92), organized by the Permanent Mission of Portugal, on Friday, 31 October 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in *Conference Room 8*.

Southern African Development Community (SADC) *(on the draft resolution on assistance to Malawi) (Second Committee experts)*

There will be a meeting of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) *(on the draft resolution on assistance to Malawi) (Second Committee experts)*, on Friday, 31 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on violence against women (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on violence against women (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands, on Friday, 31 October 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Meeting of co-sponsors and open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the international covenants on human rights (agenda item 117 (a)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

A meeting of co-sponsors and open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the international covenants on human Rights (agenda item 117 (a)) (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden, will be held on Friday, 31 October 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Briefing on the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) (organized by the United Nations Information and Communication Technologies Task Force)

There will be a briefing by Mr. Mark Furrer, State Secretary, Director of the Federal Office of Communications, Switzerland; Mr. Daniel Stauffacher, Delegate of the Swiss Federal Council for the World Summit; and Mr. Nitin Desai, Special Advisor to the Secretary-General on the World Summit on the Information Society, on the first phase of the World Summit, to be held in Geneva from 10 to 12 December 2003. The briefing, organized by the United Nations Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Task Force, will be held on Monday, 3 November 2003, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Background material on the World Summit can be obtained on the following Web site: www.itu.int/wsis/. For further information, please contact Ms. Maria Lehtinen, ICT Task Force secretariat (e-mail lehtinen@un.org).

UNITAR French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on Monday, 3 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; on Tuesday, 4 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.; and on Wednesday, 5 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is *today*, 29 October 2003. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards global partnership" (agenda item 46) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards global partnership" (agenda item 46), organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, on 3, 5 and 7 November 2003 from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 7.

Panel discussion on microcredit

There will be a panel discussion on microcredit, co-organized by the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and the Microcredit Summit Campaign, on the occasion of the release of the *State of the Microcredit Summit Campaign Report*, on Monday, 3 November 2003, from 1 to 2.15 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

Members of the permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Carol Sakubita (tel. 1 (917) 367-5710).

Symposia on population and development

The symposia on population and development, organized by the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and the Office of the Permanent Observer of Partners in Population and Development to the United Nations, will continue at Headquarters, as follows:

Symposium II on "Family Planning, Reproductive Health and Development": Monday, 3 November 2003, from 3 to 5.30 p.m., in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium;

Symposium III on "Empowerment of Women": Monday, 10 November, from 3 to 5.30 p.m., in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium; and

Symposium IV on "Population and HIV/AIDS": Wednesday, 19 November, from 4 to 6 p.m., in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend [For further information: tel. 1 (212) 457-1828; e-mail rgarvey@ppdsec.org].

JUSCANZ Group ***(on Third Committee matters)***

There will be meetings of the JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)*, as follows: 4 November 2003, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room A; 11 November, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room B; and from 17 to 21 November, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room D.

UNITAR briefing on "Developments in Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea"

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea of the Office of Legal Affairs are jointly organizing a briefing on "Developments in Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea". The briefing, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, 5 and 6 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the tentative programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all permanent missions in New York. The registration deadline is Friday, 31 October 2003. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 963-9196).

UNITAR Briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The briefing is intended primarily for representatives of those States that will be members of the Council in 2004. Depending on the availability of seats, delegates from other States may attend as observers. The briefing will be held on the following dates: Monday, 10 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 11 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 12 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Thursday, 13 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all States that will be members of the Security Council in 2004. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 5 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Appointments

Security Council — **Daily informal briefings**

As from Friday, 3 October 2003, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the NAM Caucus Room.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Summary of meetings

Tuesday, 28 October 2003

Security Council

4850th meeting

The situation concerning Western Sahara

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation concerning Western Sahara (S/2003/1016)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2003/1034, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/2003/1034) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2003/1034) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1513 (2003).

4851st meeting

The situation between Iraq and Kuwait

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Benon Sevan, Executive Director of the Office of the Iraq Programme.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Sevan.

Statements were made by the representatives of Germany, Spain, Bulgaria, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, the Syrian Arab Republic, Pakistan, Chile, Cameroon, Angola and France, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of the United States.

Mr. Sevan responded to comments and questions raised.

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

45th plenary meeting

Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [55]; United Nations reform: measures and proposals [57]; Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields [58]; Strengthening of the United Nations system: reports of the Secretary-General (A/57/786, A/58/175, A/58/351, A/58/382, A/58/395 and A/58/395/Corr.1) [59]: joint debate

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda items 55, 57, 58 and 59.

Statements were made by the representatives of Viet Nam, France, India, the Republic of Korea, Bangladesh, the Philippines, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Russian Federation, Nigeria, the United Republic of Tanzania, China, Kazakhstan, Singapore, Slovenia and Croatia.

46th plenary meeting

Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [55]; United Nations reform: measures and proposals [57]; Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields [58]; Strengthening of the United Nations system: reports of the Secretary-General (A/57/786, A/58/175, A/58/351, A/58/382, A/58/395 and Corr.1) [59]: joint debate

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda items 55, 57, 58 and 59.

Statements were made by the representatives of Thailand, Portugal, Indonesia, Yemen, the Bahamas, Liechtenstein, the Netherlands, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Belize, Senegal, Ecuador, Nepal, Saint Lucia, Mongolia, the Sudan, Zimbabwe, Papua New Guinea, Cuba, Poland, the Syrian Arab Republic, Germany, Eritrea,and Israel.

Main Committees

First Committee

17th meeting

The Committee continued its third phase of work, namely, action on all draft resolutions/decisions submitted under disarmament and international security agenda items (items 62-80).

The Chairman made a statement.

The representative of Japan made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.31* was adopted as follows: operative paragraph 1 as a whole was adopted by a recorded vote of 140 to 4, with 5 abstentions; and draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.31* as a whole was adopted by a recorded vote of 104 to 29, with 20 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Luxembourg (on behalf of the Benelux countries) and Japan.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.50 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.51 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.9 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.10 was adopted by a recorded vote of 158 to 1, with 1 abstention.

In explanation of vote after the vote, the representative of India made a statement.

In explanation of vote before the vote, the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Cuba made statements.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.32 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.45 was adopted vote as follows: operative paragraph 2 was adopted by a recorded vote of 138 to none, with 22 abstentions; operative paragraph 3, the last words of operative paragraph 4 and operative paragraph 8 were adopted by a recorded vote of 138 to none, with 22 abstentions; operative paragraph 4 as a whole was adopted by a recorded vote of 137 to none, with 22 abstentions; and draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.45 as a whole was adopted by a recorded vote of 140 to none, with 23 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Syrian Arab Republic, China, Algeria, Israel, Myanmar and Egypt made statements.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.5 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.13 was adopted without a vote.

The Chairman of the Committee made a statement.

Other matters

The representative of Italy, Haiti, Australia and Kenya made statements.

The Chairman of the Committee made a statement.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

15th meeting

Questions relating to information . . . . . [86]

On the proposal of its Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate on the same day, at 6 p.m.

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate with statements from the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Japan, Yemen, Myanmar, Egypt, Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)), Bangladesh, Singapore, the Republic of Korea, India, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Cuba, the Russian Federation, the United States, Bahrain, Switzerland, Kazakhstan and Indonesia.

Following a statement by the Chairman, the Committee agreed to have a representative from the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics make a brief statement in the Committee at the end of the general debate on the item.

Third Committee

26th meeting

Advancement of Women . . . . . [110]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Secretary made a statement.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.19

The representative of Canada introduced and orally revised the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Argentina, Azerbaijan, Belize, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ecuador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Finland, Guatemala, Italy, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malta, Namibia, the Netherlands, Nicaragua, Peru, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, Spain, Switzerland, Tunisia, Ukraine, the United States of America, Uruguay and Venezuela. Austria, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Central African Republic, Ghana, Greece, Haiti, Jamaica, Morocco, Mozambique, Nigeria, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/L.22

The representative of the Netherlands introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Bulgaria, the Central African Republic, Iceland, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The Dominican Republic, Estonia, Liechtenstein, Madagascar and Venezuela joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Promotion and protection of the rights of children . . . . . [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.23

The representative of Benin made a statement and introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of her delegation, and Afghanistan, Algeria, Azerbaijan, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cape Verde, the Central African Republic, China, the Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, the Dominican Republic, Egypt, Gabon, Guinea, Malawi, the Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan and Senegal. Cameroon, Dominica, Eritrea, Haiti, Madagascar, Qatar and Sierra Leone joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.24

The representative of Egypt introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Djibouti, Jordan, Kuwait, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Morocco, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen. Algeria, Bangladesh, Cuba, Indonesia, Malaysia, Namibia, Nigeria, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, South Africa and the Sudan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Organization of work

The Secretary informed the Committee on the guidelines for the submission of draft proposals.

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination . . . . . [115]

(a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Rights of peoples to self-determination . . . . . [116]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of China, Chile, Guyana, Indonesia, the Syrian Arab Republic,

Jamaica, Barbados and Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)).

The observer for Palestine also made a statement.

Fifth Committee

10th meeting

Improving the financial situation of the United Nations (A/58/531) . . . . . [123]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Under-Secretary-General for Management updated the Committee on the current financial situation of the United Nations.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Italy (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway), Morocco (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Peru (on behalf of the Rio Group), New Zealand (on behalf of Canada, Australia and New Zealand), Ghana, the Russian Federation, Japan, India and Venezuela.

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 . . . . . [121]

Programme planning. . . . . [122]

The Committee began its consideration of these agenda items.

The Secretary-General addressed the Committee and introduced the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 (A/58/6, A/58/6/Corr.1, A/58/6 (Introduction), A/58/6 (Sect. 1), A /58/6 (Sect. 2), A/58/6 (Sect. 3), A/58/6 (Sect. 3)/Corr.1, A/58/6 (Sect. 3)/Corr.2, A/58/6 (Sect. 4), A/58/6 (Sect. 5), A/58/6 (Sect. 6), A/58/6 (Sect. 7), A/58/6 (Sect. 8), A/58/6 (Sect. 9), A/58/6 (Sect. 10), A/58/6 (Sect. 11), A/58/6 (Sect. 12), A/58/6 (Sect. 13), A/58/6 (Sect. 13)/Add.1, A/58/6 (Sect. 14)/Rev.1, A/58/6 (Sect. 15), A/58/6 (Sect. 16), A/58/6 (Sect. 17), A/58/6 (Sect. 18), A/58/6 (Sect. 19), A/58/6 (Sect. 20), A/58/6 (Sect. 21), A/58/6 (Sect. 22), A/58/6 (Sect. 23), A/58/6 (Sect. 24), A/58/6 (Sect. 25), A/58/6 (Sect. 26), A/58/6 (Sect. 27), A/58/6 (Sect. 28), A/58/6 (Sect. 29), A/58/6 (Sect. 30), A/58/6 (Sect. 31), A/58/6 (Sect. 32), A/58/6 (Sect. 33), A/58/6 (Sect. 34), A/58/6 (Sect. 35), A/58/6 (Income Sect. 1), A/58/6 (Income Sect. 2) and A/58/6 (Income Sect. 3)).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the report of that Committee on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 (A/58/7 and A/58/7/Corr.1).

The Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination introduced the report of that Committee on the work at its forty-third session (A/58/16).

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Italy (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey, Iceland and Liechtenstein), Morocco (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Canada (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Canada), Botswana (on behalf of the African Group), Peru (on behalf of the Rio Group), Saudi Arabia and the United States.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Sixth Committee

15th meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-fifth session . [152]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 152.

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada, Gabon, the United Kingdom, Greece, the United States, Chile, Israel, Argentina, Portugal, the Russian Federation, Spain and Belarus.

The Chairman spoke.

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Human Rights Committee
Seventy-ninth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

Thursday, 23 October 2003

2143rd meeting (closed)

The Committee heard country reports by task forces.

2144th meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [6]

The Committee began its consideration of the fifth periodic report of the Russian Federation.

Friday, 24 October 2003

2145th–2146th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the fifth periodic report of the Russian Federation.

Monday, 27 October 2003

2147th meeting (closed) The Committee considered the situation of civil and political rights in Equatorial Guinea (non-reporting State party).

2148th meeting (closed)

Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant . . [9]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention on the International Maritime Organization. Geneva, 6 March 1948

Acceptance: Kiribati (28 October 2003)[1]

Amendment to article 28 of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization. London, 28 September 1965

Acceptance: Kiribati (28 October 2003)[1]

Amendments to the title and substantive provisions of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization. London, 14 November 1975 and 9 November 1977

Acceptance: Kiribati (28 October 2003)[1]

Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization, (institutionalization of the Facilitation Committee). London, 7 November 1991

Acceptance: Kiribati (28 October 2003)[1]

Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization. London, 4 November 1993

Acceptance: Kiribati (28 October 2003)[1]

Amendments to articles 10, 16, 17, 18, 20, 28, 31 and 32 of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization. London, 17 October 1974

Acceptance: Kiribati (28 October 2003)[1]

Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization relating to the institutionalization of the Committee on Technical Co-operation in the Convention. London, 17 November 1977

Acceptance: Kiribati (28 October 2003)[1]

Amendments to articles 17, 18, 20 and 51 of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization. London, 15 November 1979

Acceptance: Kiribati (28 October 2003)[1]

Amendments to articles 17 and 18 of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization. London, 15 September 1964

Acceptance: Kiribati (28 October 2003)[1]

Convention on the Recovery Abroad of Maintenance. New York, 20 June 1956

Designation of authorities under article 2, paragraphs 1 and 2: Colombia (27 October 2003)[1]

Notification under article 3: Colombia (27 October 2003)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

United Nations Convention Against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Opening for signature

The above Convention is expected to be adopted on Friday, 31 October 2003, during the the plenary meeting of the General Assembly at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

It is also expected that the Convention will be open for signature from 9 to 11 December 2003 at the "Centro de Convenciones y Exposiciones Yucatán Siglo XXI" in Mérida, Mexico, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 9 December 2005 by all States and by regional economic integration organizations, provided that at least one Member State of such organization is a signatory to the Convention.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in the possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers by *4 December 2003* to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org). Original instruments of full powers should be provided to the depositary representative at the signature ceremony.

Other announcements

DPI/NGO briefing

This week, the topic of the DPI/NGO briefing will be "Global Security Treaties: Strengthening the Rule of Law." The Briefing will be held on Thursday, 30 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Tala Dowlatshahi, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859).

Special event to launch the International Year of Rice, 2004

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/162, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) will launch the International Year of Rice, 2004, at a ceremony to be held on Friday, 31 October 2003, from 12.30 to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Special event on the occasion of the third anniversary of the adoption of the Security Council resolution 1325 (2002) (Women, peace and security)

On the occasion of the third anniversary of the adoption of the Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) (Women, peace and security), a panel discussion on "Impact of 1325 – Reality or Fiction?", co-organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, Department of Political Affairs, and the Inter-Agency Task Force on Women, Peace and Security, will be held on Friday, 31 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of the permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women (tel. 1 (212) 963 5221; e-mail osagi@un.org).

Web sites

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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism:

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Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on 28 October 2003.

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General Assembly	**Official Records**
	Fifty-eighth session
A/58/13/Corr.1	Report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East — Supplement No. 13 [A C E F R S]
General Assembly	**Documents**
	Fifty-eighth session
A/58/3 (Part II)	Item 12 — Report of the Economic and Social Council for 2003 [A C E F R S]
A/58/7/Add.5	Items 59, 121 and 125 — Strengthening of the United Nations system — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 — Pattern of conferences — Improvements to the current process of planning and budgeting — Cost implications of providing more predictable and adequate conference services to the meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States — Comprehensive review of the post structure of the United Nations Secretariat — Additional expenditures deriving from inflation and currency fluctuations — Proportion of General Service staff to Professional staff in the regional commissions — Implementation of projects financed from the Development Account: third progress report — Sixth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]
A/58/7/Add.6	Items 121 and 125 — Improving and modernizing the conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi — Seventh report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]
A/58/420	Items 3, 10, 11, 37, 38, 39, 47, 50, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 73, 84, 91, 100, 102, 109, 110, 113, 116, 117, 155, 156 and 157 — Letter dated 2 October 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/58/522	Item 159 — Observer status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly — Report of the Sixth Committee [A C E F R S]
A/58/524	Item 163 — Observer status for the GUUAM in the General Assembly — Report of the Sixth Committee [A C E F R S]
A/58/L.7	Item 60 — Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit — 13-Power draft resolution — Responding to global threats and challenges [A C E F R S]
A/RES/58/1	Item 124 — Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [A C E F R S]
	First Committee
A/C.1/58/INF/2*	Reissued for technical reasons [E (only)]

A/C.1/58/L.1/Rev.1	Item 73 (n) — General and complete disarmament: the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects — 104-Power draft resolution — The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects [A C E F R S]
	Third Committee
A/C.3/58/L.27	Item 114 — Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People — 42-Power draft resolution — International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [A C E F R S]
	Fifth Committee
A/C.5/58/6	Item 17 (b) — Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions — Note by the Secretary-General — [A C E F R S]
A/C.5/58/7	Item 17 (c) — Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
	Tenth emergency special session
A/RES/ES-10/13	Item 5 — Illegal Israeli actions in Occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory [A C E F R S]
A/ES-10/L.13	Item 5 — 28-Power draft resolution — Illegal Israeli actions in Occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory [A C E F R S]

Security Council	**Documents**
S/2003/451/Corr.1	Letter dated 21 April 2003 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2003/1003	Letter dated 9 October 2003 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2003/1004	Letter dated 9 October 2003 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2003/1005	Letter dated 9 October 2003 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2003/1006	Letter dated 9 October 2003 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2003/1008	Letter dated 9 October 2003 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2003/1010	Letter dated 9 October 2003 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2003/1033	Draft resolution [A C E F R S]

S/PRST/2003/18	Statement by the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/4849	Provisional agenda [A C E R S]
S/RES/1512 (2003)	Adopted by the Security Council at its 4849th meeting [A C E F R S]

Secretariat

ST/LEG/SER.A/679	Statement of Treaties and International Agreements — Registered or filed and recorded with the Secretariat during the month of September 2003 [E F (bilingual)]

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Official meetings

Thursday, 30 October 2003

Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . 4853rd meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998), 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999)

   Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (S/2003/996)

3 p.m. . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed) . . . . . Consultations Room

Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/2003/1027)

Other matters

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

4 p.m. . . . . 80th meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 7

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

9.30 a.m. . . . . 48th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

High-level dialogue for the implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development . . . . . [104 (b)]

(a) Reports by the Secretary-General (A/58/216 and A/58/323)

(b) Note by the Secretary-General (A/58/436)

(c) Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/58/3, Parts I-II)

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(d) Summary by the President of the Economic and Social Council (A/58/77)

(e) Note by the Secretariat (A/58/77/Add.1 and A/58/77/Add.2)

(f) Conference Room Paper (A/58/CRP.2)

Morning[1] . . . . . Conference Room 4

Informal interactive dialogue, chaired by the President of the General Assembly

3–6 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 4

Informal interactive dialogue, chaired by the President of the General Assembly

6 p.m. . . . . 49th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

High-level dialogue for the implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development . . . . . [104 (b)]

(a) Reports by the Secretary-General (A/58/216 and A/58/323)

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(f) Conference Room Paper (A/58/CRP.2)

[1] Immediately following the adjournment of the 48th plenary meeting.

Main Committees

First Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 19th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under all disarmament and international security agenda items (items 62-80):

Documents of the First Committee: *item 65* (A/C.1/58/L.11, A/C.1/58/L.58); *item 73* (A/58/117 and A/58/117/Add.1, A/58/117/Add.2, A/58/129, A/58/129/Add.1, A/58/130, A/58/138, A/58/162, A/58/162/Add.1, A/58/176 and A/58/176/Add.1, A/58/207, A/58/208, A/58/208/Add.1, A/58/406, A/58/848, A/C.1/58/4, A/C.1/58/L.1, A/C.1/58/L.1/Rev.1, A/C.1/58/L.15, A/C.1/58/L.16, A/C.1/58/L.16/Rev.1, A/C.1/58/L.18, A/C.1/58/L.19, A/C.1/58/L.25, A/C.1/58/L.25/Rev.1, A/C.1/58/L.26, A/C.1/58/L.27, A/C.1/58/L.39, A/C.1/58/L.39/Rev.1, A/C.1/58/L.40, A/C.1/58/L.40/Rev.1, A/C.1/58/L.43, A/C.1/58/L.46, A/C.1/58/L.46/Rev.1, A/C.1/58/L.47, A/C.1/58/L.53); *item 74* (A/58/122, A/58/139, A/58/177, A/58/190, A/58/203, A/58/274, A/C.1/58/L.28, A/C.1/58/L.54, A/C.1/58/L.55, A/C.1/58/L.57, A/C.1/58/L.59); *item 75* (A/58/27, A/58/42, A/58/259, A/58/316); *item 76* (A/58/259,

A/58/137, A/58/137 (Part I), A/58/137 (Part I)/Add.1, A/58/137 (Part I)/Add.1/Corr.1, A/58/137 (Part II), A/C.1/58/L.23); and *item 78* (A/58/132, A/58/132/Add.1, A/58/132/Add.2) (other documents: A/C.1/58/1, A/C.1/58/2, A/C.1/58/3, A/C.1/58/3/Add.1, A/C.1/58/INF.1, A/C.1/58/INF.2, A/C.1/58/INF.2*, A/C.1/58/INF.2/Add.1, A/C.1/58/INF.2/Add.2)

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

3–6 p.m . . . . . 17th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (A/58/13, A58/13/Add.1, A/58/13/Corr.1, A/58/119, A/58/205, A/58/206, A/58/256, A/58/339 and A/58/450) . . . . . [83]

General debate

Third Committee

3 p.m. . . . . 28th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

1. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the general Assembly . . . . . [105]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.9/Rev.1

2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family . . . . . [106]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.8

3. Crime prevention and criminal justice . . . . . [108]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.13 (programme budget implications in A/C.3/58/L.16)

4. Advancement of women . . . . . [110]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/58/L.19, A/C.3/58/L.20 and A/C.3/58/L.21

5. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [114]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.27

6. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination . . . . . [115]

   (a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination (A/58/3, A/58/18, A/58/80-E/2003/71, A/58/313)

   (b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (A/58/324, A/58/331)

7. Rights of peoples to self-determination (A/58/115, A/58/180) . . . . . [116]

   Continuation of general discussion

Fifth Committee

9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. 12th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

1. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 . . . . . [121]

(A/58/6 and A/58/6/Corr.1 and A/58/6 (Introduction), A/58/6 (Sect. 1), A/58/6 (Sect. 2), A/58/6 (Sect. 3), A/58/6 (Sect. 3)/Corr.1, A/58/6 (Sect. 3)/Corr.2, A/58/6 (Sect. 4), A/58/6 (Sect. 5), A/58/6 (Sect. 6), A/58/6 (Sect. 7), A/58/6 (Sect. 8), A/58/6 (Sect. 9), A/58/6 (Sect. 10), A/58/6 (Sect. 11), A/58/6 (Sect. 12), A/58/6 (Sect. 13), A/58/6 (Sect. 13)/Add.1, A/58/6 (Sect. 14)/Rev.1, A/58/6 (Sect. 15), A/58/6 (Sect. 16), A/58/6 (Sect. 17), A/58/6 (Sect. 18), A/58/6 (Sect. 19), A/58/6 (Sect. 20), A/58/6 (Sect. 21), A/58/6 (Sect. 22), A/58/6 (Sect. 23), A/58/6 (Sect. 24), A/58/6 (Sect. 25), A/58/6 (Sect. 26), A/58/6 (Sect. 27), A/58/6 (Sect. 28), A/58/6 (Sect. 29), A/58/6 (Sect. 30), A/58/6 (Sect. 31), A/58/6 (Sect. 32), A/58/6 (Sect. 33), A/58/6 (Sect. 34), A/58/6 (Sect. 35), A/58/6 (Income Sect. 1), A/58/6 (Income Sect. 2), A/58/6 (Income Sect. 3), A/58/7 and A/58/7/Corr.1)

Continuation of general discussion

2. Programme planning (A/58/16) . . . . . [122]

Continuation of general discussion

3. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations (A/58/531) . . . . . [123]

Conclusion of general discussion

2.30–4.45 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 125 (Pattern of conferences (A/58/32, A/58/194/Corr.1, A/58/194/Corr.2, A/58/213, A/57/783, A/57/809, A/58/7 and A/58/7/Add.1))

Sixth Committee

10–11.30 a.m. 18th meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-fifth session (A/58/10) . . . . . [152]

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on agenda item 152 (Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-fifth session) (Diplomatic protection, international liability and reservations to treaties)

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

Meeting with the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Informal consultations on agenda item 52 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Other meetings

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Mason Group *(on First Committee matters)*

9–10.15 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Group of 77 *(Third Committee: follow-up to Beijing and Beijing+5; follow up to Madrid; and follow-up to Durban)*

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

3–4.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Group of 77 *(on humanitarian issues)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)*

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on violence against women (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

10.30–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The incompatibility between democracy and racism" (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

African Group *(on the draft resolution on refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa) (Third Committee)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Caribbean Community (CARICOM) *(on Second Committee matters)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Informal consultations on draft resolutions on the preparation for and observance of the International Year of the Family and on the importance of the guidance and the role of parents in the care, control and development of children (under agenda item 106) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Benin)

1.15–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Situation of and assistance to Palestinian children" (A/C.3/58/L.24) (agenda item 113) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Egypt)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (agenda item 117 (a)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Denmark)

3–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Western European and Other States Group

3–4 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster" (agenda item 40 (c)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

4–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Round table on "Campaigning for the Millennium Development Goals in the United States: Challenges, Opportunities and the NetAid Approach"

There will be a round table on "Campaigning for the Millennium Development Goals in the United States: Challenges, Opportunities and the NetAid Approach", co-sponsored by the World Federation of United Nations Associations and the NGO Section of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, *today*, 30 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

Presentation of the *Human Development Report 2003* on "Millennium Development Goals: a compact among nations to end human poverty"

There will be a presentation of the *Human Development Report 2003* on "Millennium Development Goals: a compact among nations to end human poverty", organized by the Human Development Report Office, United Nations Development Programme, in collaboration with the Financing for Development Office of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, *today*, 30 October 2003, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The report will be presented by Ms. Sakiko Fukuda-Parr, Director, Human Development Report Office, UNDP, and Ms. Eveline Herfkens, Executive Coordinator for the Millennium Development Goals Campaign. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Nena Terrell (tel. 1 (212) 906-3629).

United Nations Administrative Tribunal

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will hold closed meetings *today*, 30 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in room DC2-0461.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Thursday, 30 October 2003

Room S-226

12.30 p.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Gunter Pleuger (Germany) (on the Security Council's mission to Afghanistan)

1.45 p.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Julian Hunte, President of the General Assembly (to present his assessment of the High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development)

4.30 p.m. . . . . Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM); Ms. Jessica Lange, actress and narrator of the documentary "Women on the Frontlines"; Ms. Patricia Smith Melton, Executive Director of PeacexPeace; and Ms. Fatima Gailani, member of the Drafting Committee of the Constitutional Commission, Afghanistan (to launch UNIFEM's Web portal on women, peace and security and to brief on the documentary "Women on the Frontlines")

Forthcoming official meetings

Friday, 31 October 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10 a.m. . . . . 50th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the International Court of Justice . . . . . [13]
   (a) Report of the International Court of Justice (A/58/4 and A/58/4/Corr.1)
   (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/295)
2. Crime prevention and criminal justice . . . . . [108]
   (a) Report of the Ad Hoc Committee of a Convention against Corruption on the work of its first to seventh sessions (A/58/422 and A/58/422/Add.1)
   (b) Draft resolution (A/58/422, chapter IV, para.103)
3. Follow-up to the United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage . . . . . [42]
   (a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) (A/58/402)
   (b) Draft resolution (A/58/L.11)
4. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [55]; United Nations reform: measures and proposals [57]; Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields [58]; Strengthening of the United Nations system: reports of the Secretary-General (A/57/786, A/58/175, A/58/351, A/58/382, A/58/395 and A/58/395/Corr.1) [59]: *assessment by the President of the General Assembly of the debate*
5. Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) (A/58/314). . . . . [43]

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 13th meeting on Friday, 31 October 2003, at 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room 3, immediately followed by informal consultations (closed) in Conference Room 5. Informal consultations (closed) will also be held at 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Second Committee

Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Trade" on Friday, 31 October 2003, following the adjournment of the 51st meeting of the Economic and Social Council (at approximately 4 p.m.), in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The meeting will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Iftekhar Chowdhury (Bangladesh), Chairman of the Second Committee. The proceedings will begin with a keynote address by Mr. Pascal Lamy, European Union Commissioner for Trade, followed by a question-and-answer session. Ambassador Clodoaldo Hugueney, Under-Secretary General for Economic and Technological Affairs,

Ministry of External Relations of Brazil, will then address the Committee. A dialogue session will follow, in which Mr. Roberto Bissio, Instituto del Tercer Mundo, will participate as lead discussant. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information please contact, the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-4201; or e-mail ecosocinfo@un.org).

Informal dialogue

There will be a dialogue between the Second Committee and the new Chief Economist of the World Bank, Mr. François Bourguignon, on Wednesday, 5 November 2003, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Third Committee

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee, as follows:

Under agenda item 117:

Monday, 10 November 2003, at 3 p.m.: Ms. Hina Jilani (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Human Rights Defenders); Mr. Peter Leuprecht (Special Representative of the Secretary-General for human rights in Cambodia); and Ms. Gabriela Rodríguez Pizarro (Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants);

Tuesday, 11 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Abdelfattah Amor (Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief); Mr. Theo van Boven (Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment); and Mr. Francis Deng (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on internally displaced persons); *at 3 p.m.*: Mr. Jean Ziegler (Special Rapporteur on the right to food); Mr. Paul Hunt (Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health); and Ms. Yakin Ertürk (Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences); and

Wednesday, 12 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Paulo Sérgio Pinheiro (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar); Ms. Marie-Thérèse Aïssata Kéita-Bocoum (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi); and Ms. Iulia Motoc (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo); *at 3 p.m.*: Mr. Andreas Mavrommatis (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iraq); and Mr. John Dugard (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for dialogue, questions and comments. All interested members of the Committee are invited to participate.

United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities

The 2003 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will be held on Tuesday, 4 November 2003, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. It would be appreciated if delegations could submit the names of their representatives to the pledging conference, in writing, to Ms. Lorna Fidler (tel. 1 (212) 963-2319; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). The list of speakers will be open as of Friday, 24 October 2003. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact Ms. Lorna Fidler.

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Informal consultations on agenda item 52 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 52 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) will be held on Friday, 31 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Economic and Social Council

Resumed substantive session 2003

Informal consultations

The President of the Economic and Social Council, Mr. Gert Rosenthal (Guatemala), will hold informal consultations on Friday, 31 October 2003, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council, on all issues before the 51st meeting of the resumed substantive session of the Council.

Resumed substantive session 2003

The Economic and Social Council will hold its 51st meeting on Friday, 31 October 2003, in the afternoon[1], in the Economic and Social Council, on the following outstanding matters before the resumed substantive session 2003:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (E/2003/104 and E/2003/105[2]) [1]

   Elections (postponed elections)[3]:

   Commission on Science and Technology for Development

   Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

   United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (E/2003/L.3/Add.13)

   Committee for the United Nations Population Award

   Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

   Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

   International Narcotics Control Board (E/2003/L.3/Add.12)

2. Regional cooperation (E/2003/15/Add.2)[1] . . . . . [10]

3. Economic and environmental questions . . . . . [13]

   (h) International cooperation in tax matters

   (i) United Nations Forum on Forests (E/2003/42)

[1] Immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations of the Economic and Social Council.

[2] To be issued.

[3] For additional information on elections, please contact Ms. Nancy Beteta (tel. 1 (212) 963-5722).

Other forthcoming meetings

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Group of 77 *(Third Committee: follow-up to Beijing and Beijing+5; follow up to Madrid; and follow-up to Durban)*

There will be meetings of the Group of 77 *(Third Committee: follow-up to Beijing and Beijing+5; follow up to Madrid; and follow-up to Durban)* on Friday, 31 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Group of 77 *(on agenda items 99 (a) and 93 (c))*

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on agenda items 99 (a))* on Friday, 31 October 2003, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m., in a conference room to be announced.

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: sustainable and environmental issues; and partnerships)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(Second Committee: sustainable and environmental issues; and partnerships)* on Friday, 31 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: trade issues)*

There will be meetings of the Group of 77 *(Second Committee: trade issues)* on Friday, 31 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 to 5 p.m. in a conference room to be announced.

Briefings by Executive Secretaries of regional commissions on the regional implementation of financing for development and of sustainable development

Ms. Brigita Schmögnerová, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), will hold a briefing for ECE Member States, on Friday, 31 October 2003, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

Ms. Alicia Bárcena, Officer-in-Charge, Deputy Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), will hold a briefing for the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, on Friday, 31 October 2003, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 9.

Mr. K.Y. Amoako, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), will hold a briefing for the African Group *(at the ambassadorial level)*, on Friday, 31 October 2003, *from 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.* in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Meeting of interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Programme of Action for the International Year of Microcredit, 2005" (A/C.2/58/L.3) (agenda item 98) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Guatemala)

There will be a meeting of interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Programme of Action for the International Year of Microcredit, 2005" (A/C.2/58/L.3) (agenda item 98), organized by the Permanent Mission of Guatemala, on Friday, 31 October 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Meeting of interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds and assets of illicit origin and returning such funds and assets to the countries of origin" (A/C.2/58/L.2) (agenda item 92) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Portugal)

There will be a meeting of interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds and assets of illicit origin and returning such funds and assets to the countries of origin" (A/C.2/58/L.2) (agenda item 92), organized by the Permanent Mission of Portugal, on Friday, 31 October 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in *Conference Room A*.

African Group *(on the draft resolution on refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa) (Third Committee)*

There will be meetings of the African Group *(on the draft resolution on refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa) (Third Committee)*, as follows: Friday, 31 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber; and Monday, 3 November, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m., in a conference room to be announced.

Southern African Development Community (SADC) *(on the draft resolution on assistance to Malawi) (Second Committee experts)*

There will be a meeting of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) *(on the draft resolution on assistance to Malawi) (Second Committee experts)*, on Friday, 31 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on violence against women (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on violence against women (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands, on Friday, 31 October 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Meeting of co-sponsors and open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the international covenants on human rights (agenda item 117 (a)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

A meeting of co-sponsors and open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the international covenants on human Rights (agenda item 117 (a)) (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden, will be held on Friday, 31 October 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolutions on access to medication in the context of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria; the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health; and the United Nations Year for the Prevention of Violence (agenda item 117 (b)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolutions on access to medication in the context of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria; the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health; and

the United Nations Year for the Prevention of Violence (agenda item 117 (b)) (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil on Friday, 31 October 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Briefing on the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) (organized by the United Nations Information and Communication Technologies Task Force)

There will be a briefing by Mr. Mark Furrer, State Secretary, Director of the Federal Office of Communications, Switzerland; Mr. Daniel Stauffacher, Delegate of the Swiss Federal Council for the World Summit; and Mr. Nitin Desai, Special Advisor to the Secretary-General on the World Summit on the Information Society, on the first phase of the World Summit, to be held in Geneva from 10 to 12 December 2003. The briefing, organized by the United Nations Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Task Force, will be held on Monday, 3 November 2003, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Background material on the World Summit can be obtained on the following Web site: www.itu.int/wsis/. For further information, please contact Ms. Maria Lehtinen, ICT Task Force secretariat (e-mail lehtinen@un.org).

Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO)

There will be a meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO) on Monday, 3 November 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Rights of the child" (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union) and the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Rights of the child" (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union) and the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), on Monday, 3 November 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

UNITAR French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on Monday, 3 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; on Tuesday, 4 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.; and on Wednesday, 5 November, from 3 to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards global partnership" (agenda item 46) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards global partnership" (agenda item 46), organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, on 3, 5 and 7 November 2003 from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 7.

Panel discussion on microcredit

There will be a panel discussion on microcredit, co-organized by the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and the Microcredit Summit Campaign, on the occasion of the release of the *State of the Microcredit Summit Campaign Report*, on Monday, 3 November 2003, from 1 to 2.15 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of the permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Carol Sakubita (tel. 1 (917) 367-5710).

Symposia on population and development

The symposia on population and development, organized by the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and the Office of the Permanent Observer of Partners in Population and Development to the United Nations, will continue at Headquarters, as follows:

Symposium II on "Family Planning, Reproductive Health and Development": Monday, 3 November 2003, from 3 to 5.30 p.m., in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium;

Symposium III on "Empowerment of Women": Monday, 10 November, from 3 to 5.30 p.m., in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium; and

Symposium IV on "Population and HIV/AIDS": Wednesday, 19 November, from 4 to 6 p.m., in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend [For further information: tel. 1 (212) 457-1828; e-mail rgarvey@ppdsec.org].

JUSCANZ Group ***(on Third Committee matters)***

There will be meetings of the JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)*, as follows: 4 November 2003, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room A; 11 November, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room B; and from 17 to 21 November, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room D.

UNITAR briefing on "Developments in Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea"

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea of the Office of Legal Affairs are jointly organizing a briefing on "Developments in Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea". The briefing, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, 5 and 6 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the tentative programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all permanent missions in New York. The registration deadline is Friday, 31 October 2003. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 963-9196).

Meeting to address U.S.-Russian non-proliferation measures to meet global security challenges (organized by the Permanent Missions of the Russian Federation and the United States)

The U.S. Secretary of Energy and the Russian Minister of Atomic Energy will co-host a meeting to address U.S.-Russian non-proliferation measures to meet global security challenges, to be held on Wednesday, 5 November 2003, at 4 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

UNITAR Briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The briefing is intended primarily for representatives of those States that will be members of the Council in 2004. Depending on the availability of seats, delegates from other States may attend as observers. The briefing will be held on the following dates: Monday, 10 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 11 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 12 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Thursday, 13 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all States that will be members of the Security Council in 2004. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 5 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Announcements

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Friday, 3 October 2003, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the NAM Caucus Room.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Summary of meetings

Wednesday, 29 October 2003

Security Council

4852nd meeting *Women and peace and security*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Australia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Canada, Colombia, Croatia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Fiji, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, the Netherlands, Norway, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, South Africa, Timor-Leste, Ukraine and the United Republic of Tanzania, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Jean-Marie Guéhenno, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Ms. Amy Smythe, Senior Gender Advisor of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The Council began its consideration of the item.

In accordance with the decision taken earlier at the meeting, the Council heard statements under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Mr. Jean-Marie Guéhenno and Ms. Amy Smythe.

Statements were made by the representatives of Germany, the Syrian Arab Republic, Pakistan, China, Bulgaria, France, Spain, Chile, Mexico, the Russian Federation, Cameroon, Guinea, Angola and the United Kingdom.

The Council heard statements made by Her Excellency Ms. Agnes van Ardenne and His Excellency Mr. Kaliopate Tavola, respectively.

Mr. Guéhenno and Ms. Smythe responded to comments and questions raised.

The meeting was suspended.

Upon resumption of the meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Italy (speaking on behalf of the European Union and the acceding countries – Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey which aligned themselves with the statement), Australia, South Africa, Colombia, Bangladesh, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Indonesia, the United Republic of Tanzania, Ukraine, the Philippines, Croatia, Canada, Azerbaijan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Liechtenstein, Norway, Iceland, Timor-Leste and India.

The President made a statement in his capacity as the representative of the United States.

Ms. Smythe responded to comments and questions raised.

The representative of Pakistan made a further statement.

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

47th plenary meeting The summary of the 47th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2003/210).

Round table 1 *Regional dimensions of the implementation of the results of the international Conference on Financing for Development*

The Co-Chairmen, H.E. Mr. Blas F. Ople, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines, and Mr. Enrique V. Iglesias, President of the Inter-American Development Bank, opened the meeting. The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines made an introductory statement.

An interactive dialogue ensued with the participation of the representatives of:

Ecuador, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Australia, Burkina Faso, Belarus, Romania, Congo, Spain, Guinea, Italy, Antigua and Barbuda and Nauru, and European Commission;

Comisión Episcopal de Acción Social (Peru), and African Women's Economic Policy Network (South Africa);

African Business Roundtable, and the Uganda Investment Authority (ICC);

Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), and Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC);

Council of Europe Development Bank, and Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD); and

World Bank.

The Co-Chair, Mr. Enrique Iglesias, President of the Inter-American Development Bank, summarized the discussion of the round table.

Round table 2 The summary of the round table 2 of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2003/210).

Round table 3 *Coherence and consistency of the international monetary, financial and trading systems in support of development*

The Co-Chairs of the round table, H.E. Mrs. Luisa Diogo, Minister for Planning and Finance from Mozambique, and Mr. Ian Goldin, Vice-President for External and United Nations Affairs of the World Bank, made introductory remarks.

An interactive dialogue ensued with the participation of the representatives of:

Brazil, Switzerland, Japan, South Africa, France, Canada, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Poland;

European Community;

Economic Commission for Europe;

Columbia University's Initiative for Policy Dialogue;

Washington Liaison Office of the World Confederation of Labour, and Association of Cuban Economists and Accountants;

International Chamber of Commerce, Securities Industry Association, and Cuban Chamber of Commerce.

The Co-Chair, Mr. Ian Goldin, Vice-President for External and United Nations Affairs of the World Bank, made a statement summarizing the discussion.

Round table 4

Coherence and consistency of the international monetary, financial and trading systems in support of development

The Co-Chairpersons H.E. Ms. Ruth Jacoby, Director-General for Development Cooperation, Sweden, and Mr. J. Lintjer, Vice-President, Asian Development Bank, made introductory statements.

An interactive dialogue ensued with the participation of the representatives of:

Cameroon, Norway, Barbados, Malaysia and Mozambique;

International Labour Organization, and World Bank, as well as United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

Third World Network; Director, Southern and Eastern African Trade Information and Negotiations Institute (SEATINI), Zimbabwe; Communications and Research Director, Bretton Woods Project, Action/Aid, United Kingdom; and

Director of Global Issues, World Economic Forum, Director, Banco America Central (Samuels Associates) and Managing Director, Standard and Poor's (Business Council for the United Nations).

The Co-Chairpersons summarized the discussion of the round table.

Round table 5

The summary of the round table 5 of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2003/210).

Round table 6

The link between the progress in the implementation of the agreements and commitments reached at the International Conference on Financing for Development and the achievement of internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United nations Millennium Declaration

Introductory remarks were made by the Co-Chairs of the round table, H.E. Mr. Gonzalo García Núñez, Director of the Central Bank of Peru and Special Envoy of the President of the Republic, and Mr. Mark Mallock Brown, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme.

An interactive dialogue ensued with the participation of the representatives of:

United States, Mauritius, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Switzerland, Lao People's Democratic Republic, France, Uganda, Sweden, Belgium, Japan and Burkina Faso;

World Bank, the MDG Campaign and United Nations Children's Fund;

National College of Public Administration and Governance; Trocaire, Ireland (Women's Environment and Development Organization) and Justice and Peace Department of the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference; and

Samuels Associates.

The Co-Chair, H.E. Mr. Gonzalo García Núñez, Director of the Central Bank of Peru and Special Envoy of the President of the Republic, made a closing statement.

Round table 7

The link between the progress in the implementation of the agreements and commitments reached at the International Conference on Financing for Development and the promotion of sustainable development, sustained economic growth and the eradication of poverty with a view to achieving an equitable global economic system

The Co-Chairpersons, H.E. Mr. Donald Kaberuka, Minister of Finance and Planning, Rwanda, and Mr. Rubens Ricupero, Secretary-General, UNCTAD, made introductory statements.

An interactive dialogue ensued with the participation of the representatives of:

Cambodia, Kenya, Austria, Finland, India, Fiji, Tunisia, Nepal, Moldova, Mozambique, Bolivia, Cuba, Sweden, Botswana, Lesotho and Morocco;

International Monetary Fund;

United Nations Development Fund for Women;

Inter-Parliamentary Union;

Director, Third World Network; Director, Red Thread Women's Development Collective, Guyana (Women's Environment and Development Organization); and

Executive Director, Financial Services Volunteer Corps; Business Council for the United Nations, Senior Managing Director, Suez Environment.

The Co-Chairpersons summarized the discussion of the round table.

Round table 8

The Link between the progress in the implementation of the agreements and commitments reached at the International Conference on Financing for Development, and the promotion of sustainable development, sustained economic growth and the eradication of poverty with a view to achieving an equitable global economic system

The Co-Chairmen, H.E. Mr. Fernando Canales Clariond, Minister of Economy of Mexico, and Mr. Mark Allen, Director, Policy Development and Review Department, International Monetary Fund, opened the meeting. The Minister of Economy of Mexico made an introductory statements.

An interactive dialogue ensued with the participation of the representatives of:

Iran (Islamic Republic of), Turkey, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Dominican Republic, Portugal, Luxembourg and Ethiopia, as well as the Holy See and European Commission;

International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU), Liberal Society Institute, Ukraine (WEDO) and Institute for Global Dialogue, South Africa (Friedrich Ebert Foundation);

Money Matters Institute, Uganda, Commercial Bank (Samuel Associates) and TCS (Private) Limited, Pakistan;

Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD);

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD); and

International Labour Organisation, and World Bank.

The Co-Chair summarized the discussion of the round table.

Main Committees

First Committee

18th meeting

The Committee continued its third phase of work, namely, action on all draft resolutions/decisions submitted under disarmament and international security agenda items (items 62-80).

The Chairman made a statement.

The representative of Germany made a statement.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

Draft decision A/C.1/58/L.48 was adopted without a vote.

In explanation of vote before the vote, the representative of Italy (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.7 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.20 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.21 was adopted without a vote.

In explanation of vote after the vote, the representatives of the United States and Canada made statements.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.3 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.24 was adopted by a recorded vote of 110 to 3, with 42 abstentions.

Draft decision A/C.1/58/L.29 was adopted by a recorded vote of 157 to 1, with 2 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.33 was adopted by a recorded vote of 94 to 47, with 18 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.35 was adopted without a vote.

In explanation of vote after the vote, the representatives of Pakistan, the United States, Israel, the Russian Federation and Brazil made statements.

Draft decision A/C.1/58/L.17 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.30 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.42 was adopted without a vote.

The Chairman of the Committee made a statement.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

16th meeting

Questions relating to information . . . . . [86]

General debate

The Committee concluded its general debate with statements from the representatives of Nigeria, Ukraine, the Sudan, Pakistan, Nepal, the United Republic of Tanzania, Burkina Faso and Mongolia.

The observer for the Organization of the Islamic Conference made a statement.

Right of reply

The representatives of Cuba and the United States made statements in the exercise of the right of reply.

The representative of Portugal, on behalf of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics, also made a statement.

The Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information made a concluding statement.

The Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information replied to questions posed to him by the representatives of Costa Rica and Lebanon.

Action on draft resolutions and decision

The Committee adopted, without a vote, draft resolution A, draft resolution B and a draft decision, all of which were contained in paragraph 67 of the Report of the Committee on Information (A/58/21).

The Committee endorsed the conclusions and recommendations contained in chapter III, section B programme 23 of the Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 86.

Organization of work

The Chair announced that the Committee would begin on Thursday, 30 October, the consideration of agenda item 83 (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East), followed by the consideration of item 84 (Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories).

Regarding the issue of the Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights Situation in the Occupied Territories addressing the Committee, the Chairman informed the Committee that it would not be possible during the current session and suggested that the Committee consider the issue in its future sessions.

Third Committee

27th meeting

Promotion and protection of the rights of children. . . . . [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.28

The representative of Gabon introduced the draft resolution.

The Niger and Burkina Faso joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [114]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.27

The representative of Finland introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Nordic countries (Denmark, Iceland, Finland, Norway and Sweden) and the sponsors listed in the documents, as well as Argentina, Peru and Switzerland.

Bolivia, Burkina Faso, the Central African Republic, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Gabon, Paraguay and The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination . . . . . [115]

(a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Rights of peoples to self-determination . . . . . [116]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Israel, China, Nepal, Burkina Faso, the Russian Federation, Armenia and Pakistan.

Right of reply

The representative of Azerbaijan made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

Organization of work

The Committee was informed that when submitting a revised text of a draft resolution to the Secretariat, the original L document, already issued, should be used as a basis into which the new text, clearly distinguished from the old one, should be incorporated.

Fifth Committee

11th meeting

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 (A/58/6, A/58/6/Corr.1, A/58/6 (Introduction), A/58/6 (Sect. 1), A /58/6 (Sect. 2), A/58/6 (Sect. 3), A/58/6 (Sect. 3)/Corr.1, A/58/6 (Sect. 3)/Corr.2, A/58/6 (Sect. 4), A/58/6 (Sect. 5), A/58/6 (Sect. 6), A/58/6 (Sect. 7), A/58/6 (Sect. 8), A/58/6 (Sect. 9), A/58/6 (Sect. 10), A/58/6 (Sect. 11), A/58/6 (Sect. 12), A/58/6 (Sect. 13), A/58/6 (Sect. 13)/Add.1, A/58/6 (Sect. 14)/Rev.1, A/58/6 (Sect. 15), A/58/6 (Sect. 16), A/58/6 (Sect. 17), A/58/6 (Sect. 18), A/58/6 (Sect. 19), A/58/6 (Sect. 20), A/58/6 (Sect. 21), A/58/6 (Sect. 22), A/58/6 (Sect. 23), A/58/6 (Sect. 24), A/58/6 (Sect. 25), A/58/6 (Sect. 26), A/58/6 (Sect. 27), A/58/6 (Sect. 28), A/58/6 (Sect. 29), A/58/6 (Sect. 30), A/58/6 (Sect. 31), A/58/6 (Sect. 32), A/58/6 (Sect. 33), A/58/6 (Sect. 34), A/58/6 (Sect. 35), A/58/6 (Income sect. 1), A/58/6 (Income Sect. 2), A/58/6 (Income Sect. 3), A/58/16, A/58/7 and A/58/7/Corr.1) . . . . . [121]

The Committee continued its general discussion of this item and heard statements by the representatives of Egypt, Pakistan, Algeria, Jordan, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, South Africa, Iceland, Venezuela, Gabon, Nigeria, Norway, the Philippines (on behalf of the ASEAN States), Mexico, Ghana, Japan, India, China, Indonesia, Myanmar and Croatia.

Other matters

The representative of South Africa, coordinator of informal consultations on agenda item 129 (Joint Inspection Unit), made a statement.

The representatives of China and the Syrian Arab Republic made statements regarding the entrance to the Secretariat building.

The representatives of Mexico and the Russian Federation made statements regarding questions raised by the representative of Costa Rica at the first meeting of the Fifth Committee held on 30 September 2003.

Organization of work

The Chairman also made a statement.

Sixth Committee

16th meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-fifth session . [152]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 152.

The President of the International Court of Justice, Judge Jiuyong Shi, made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, Pakistan, Nigeria, Belarus, Canada, Austria, Morocco, Norway (on behalf of the Nordic countries), the Netherlands, New Zealand, India, Guatemala, the Republic of Korea, Japan and Chile.

17th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 152.

Statements were made by the representatives of Slovakia, Slovenia, Algeria, the Russian Federation, Greece, Italy, Australia, Poland, Israel and the Czech Republic.

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Human Rights Committee
Seventy-ninth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

Tuesday, 28 October 2003

2149th meeting (closed)

Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant . . [9]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

2150th meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [6]

The Committee began its consideration of the second periodic report of Latvia.

Wednesday, 29 October 2003

2151st meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the second periodic report of Latvia.

2152nd meeting (closed)

Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant . . [9]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. New York, 25 May 2000

Ratification: Greece (22 October 2003)[1]

Amendment to article 20, paragraph 1 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 22 December 1995

Acceptance: Croatia (24 October 2003)[1]

Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes. Helsinki, 17 March 1992

Ratification: Bulgaria (28 October 2003)[1]

Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Heavy Metals. Aarhus, 24 June 1998

Ratification: Bulgaria (28 October 2003)[1]

United Nations Convention Against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Opening for signature

The above Convention is expected to be adopted on Friday, 31 October 2003, during the the plenary meeting of the General Assembly at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

It is also expected that the Convention will be open for signature from 9 to 11 December 2003 at the "Centro de Convenciones y Exposiciones Yucatán Siglo XXI" in Mérida, Mexico, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 9 December 2005 by all States and by regional economic integration organizations, provided that at least one Member State of such organization is a signatory to the Convention.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in the possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers by *4 December 2003* to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org). Original instruments of full powers should be provided to the depositary representative at the signature ceremony.

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Other announcements

DPI/NGO briefing

This week, the topic of the DPI/NGO briefing will be "Global Security Treaties: Strengthening the Rule of Law." The Briefing will be held *today*, 30 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Tala Dowlatshahi, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859).

Special event to launch the International Year of Rice, 2004

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/162, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) will launch the International Year of Rice, 2004, at a ceremony to be held on Friday, 31 October 2003, from 12.30 to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Special event on the occasion of the third anniversary of the adoption of the Security Council resolution 1325 (2002) (Women, peace and security)

On the occasion of the third anniversary of the adoption of the Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) (Women, peace and security), a panel discussion on "Impact of 1325 – Reality or Fiction?", co-organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, Department of Political Affairs, and the Inter-Agency Task Force on Women, Peace and Security, will be held on Friday, 31 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of the permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women (tel. 1 (212) 963 5221; e-mail osagi@un.org).

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